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Dear John,

The internet is a wonderful thing. Thanks to the World Wide Web I was able to hear a recording of you speaking to a group of Hispanic business people in Irvine, California on May 31. (You can listen to yourself at <http://www.phxnews.com/fullstory.php?article=36511> ). Johnny my boy that was revealing stuff!

Just to remind you, here's what you said, word for word, including the slip of the tongue you made about "a call for armed..." which you immediately caught and changed to "a call to arms.":

"I'm also pleased that the overwhelming majority of the American people in poll after poll after poll, between 70 and 75% of the American people, believe that they should be allowed to earn citizenship in this country, and it's important for us to keep reminding people of that because there is a very vocal, and it is their right to disagree with this proposal, and it's out there and your job, your job is to be vocal in support of what we've tried to do. Now is the time, this is a call for armed...call to arms, for you to rise up and speak up for people who can't speak very well for themselves."

John, your claim that "poll after poll after poll" show that 70 to 75 % of the American people support amnesty for illegal aliens is a real hoot, since all the *legitimate* polls show the exact opposite: that 75% of Americans actually reject amnesty or granting citizenship to illegal aliens. However, when I see a guy like you who is able to stand up in public and say with apparent sincerity that "the moon is made of green cheese, we should tolerate those who disagree, but we need to have armed, I mean we need to rise up and defeat the people who say the moon is NOT made of green cheese," well, when I hear a guy like that I have to admit that this is a guy who can't be reached with facts. I've gotta conclude that this is a fella whose grip on reality is sort of tenuous, or he's just a damned liar. Whichever one you are, I know I won't get through to you, so I'll leave it to Zogby and the rest of the polling world give the lie to that nonsense.

So John, it wasn't the lies that caught my attention, what really interested me was what you said about 'it is the right' of people to oppose you. This is what I call a fascinating admission. Boy oh boy, Johnny, I remember when Bruce DeCell, Joan Molinaro and I met you on the steps of the Russell Senate Office Building. (Joan is the mother of a fireman killed at the World Trade Center on 9/11 and Bruce's son in law worked there and was also killed.) We told you that we were there to remind senators that the 1986 amnesty had permitted some very dangerous people to stay in the US; that some of them went on to participate in the plot to bomb the Trade Center in 1993, others joined the conspiracy to blow up New York landmarks and another one shot five people outside CIA headquarters. We informed you that our message to the senators was that if amnesty passed that we'd go to the states of those who voted for amnesty and, whenever an amnestied illegal committed an act of violence, we'd remind people that their Senator made those violent acts possible with his vote.

You must remember how you responded, John, because you lost control of yourself and screamed at us and, just before the Capitol Police officer came out to gently lead you back into the building, you yelled: "It's people like you who make my job so hard!"

Now, you gotta admit, John, that doesn't exactly sound like a guy who likes opposition, does it? After all, who did you mean when you said "people like you" make your job so hard? What is it, you got a problem with voters or something? A Senator's life would be a helluva lot easier if he just didn't have to bother with all those pesky voters buttin' in?

So I have to admit that I was encouraged when you said people have the right to oppose you, but I also have to remember that admission was for public consumption, and when you were screaming at the three of us there weren't any cameras around. So I kinda think that maybe the real you is the one that doesn't have too much use for freedom and all that stuff.

But John, the *really* interesting part of your little speech was the verbal goof you made when you said "This is the time for armed" then immediately caught your error and said "call to arms for you to rise up..." My guess, Johnny boy, is that your little misstep, calling for "armed" something or other...what...armed struggle? uprising? resistance?...that this is where the real you got loose and that's your real opinion on what to do about people who disagree with you. Even when you backed off from the call for "armed" something or other you still used militaristic phrases like "call to arms" and "rise up."

You know, John, it's the little things, the mistakes, which reveal a guy's true character. So when you lost your temper the instant you learned from Bruce, Joan and me what our message was, I mean, when you absolutely and completely lost control of yourself to the point where a cop had to lead you away, I wondered to myself: "Hmm, I wonder what this guy McCain would be like in a one on one with President Putin? Suppose he and the Ruskie pres were having a little meeting and he got mad and stuck his fist down Putin's throat before the Secret Service could restrain him. Nah, that wouldn't be too good for US-Russian relations. And what about having McCain's finger on the nuclear button? Hoo boy, now *that's* a scary thought!"

So John, it's as I was saying, the World Wide Web is a wonderful thing. There you are out there in Irvine, slipping up and calling for "armed" something or other, and bingo, there it is on the web for all the world to hear. And there you are talking about the views of the American people, revealing that either you can't really tell the difference between fantasy and reality, or you don't care, and presto the whole country can hear you make an idiot of yourself. Yessir, that web is terrific.

But John, here's the *really* scary part: if this is the kind of stuff you say in public, what are you saying in private?

Regards,

Peter