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Vice President Dick Cheney, while campaigning for George W. Bush's re-election, expressed the idea that if Democratic Senator John Kerry was elected President, that the United States would be attacked once again. Cheney, along with other Republicans characterize Kerry and the Democrats as being weak in the war on terrorism. Democrats defend their stance by explaining that they support the war on terror, but not the way the Bush administration is running it.

Ellen Goodman takes exception to the Republicans' claim that Democrats are weak in the war on terror. She believes that objecting to the way the war on terror is being handled does not make one unpatriotic. She believes that sideshows, like the Invasion of Iraq, which the Bush administration has characterized as a part of the war on terror, despite no findings of weapons of mass destruction, has resulted in the creation of new terrorists that want to attack America.

There should be no question asked regarding one's lack of patriotism, just for speaking freely in opposition to government policies. Freedom of Speech is guaranteed under the first amendment to the Constitution, which is supposedly what America is trying to defend. It seems that Republicans should take a constitutional history or law class so that they can learn the rights that Americans have. The Bush administration has lied to the American people in order to get their support for an invasion of Iraq. This fact, Republicans seem to shy away from. Republicans should learn the facts about the Bush administration's deceptions before questioning the loyalty of Democrats.