

WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT KNOBLAUCH, ASKS PORTER

“I noticed today that former Yankee second baseman, Chuck Knoblauch, may be testifying before Congress in its hearings on the use of steroids in professional baseball,” said Dr. Steven Porter, the independent candidate for Congress from the 3rd district of Pennsylvania. “I wondered, as I read the article, what kind of magic Mr. Knoblauch possesses that he could so captivate the interest of our elected officials.”

Speaking from his home today, Porter went on to explain. “It isn’t that I think the investigation of steroid use has no merit,” said Porter. “It is just that its merit in comparison to the other things congress might be investigating is so trivial.

“Here we have a President and an administration which, by the latest published study, told 935 lies in order to force our nation into an ill-advised, unnecessary war. The repercussions of that war include the deaths of nearly 4,000 of our troops, the wounding of over 25,000 more, the death and injury to hundreds of thousands of innocent Iraqis, the squandering and theft of hundreds of billions of dollars at a time of economic difficulty, and the loss of our national credibility and standing around the globe.

“One would think that at the very least, Congress might be as galvanized to investigate this kind of wrong-doing with the same fervor it investigates baseball. One would think that the high crimes and misdemeanors of the administration might at least provoke the Congress to uphold its constitutional obligations.

“What is it that has turned our representatives, and indeed our media and our people, into creatures of such apathy that upholding the tenets of our democracy seems so great a chore, so meaningless an endeavor? There is something wrong with the soul of a nation which cares more about an obscure second baseman than it does about a criminal administration.

“People wonder why so many have left both the Republican and Democratic Parties to become independents. Looking at the disgraceful priorities of our Congress should answer that in short order.

“Upholding the Constitution cannot be an inconvenience. Holding both Congress and the President to account for their actions cannot be a burden. The precedents which have been set by ignoring these civic responsibilities will mean the end of the American democracy unless we awaken quickly to accept what must be done.”