

PORTER SPEAKS OUT ON ROSIE O'DONNELL AND THE MEDIA

In a press release issued from his home, Dr. Steven Porter, opposing Congressman Phil English in the 3rd district of Pennsylvania, spoke out on the current media flap about Rosie O'Donnell's use of the word "terrorist."

"When O'Donnell asked the rhetorical question, 'who are the terrorists?' in a discussion of the hundreds of thousands of innocent Iraqi civilians killed as a result of Bush's invasion, I am sure she did not mean to call our soldiers terrorists," Porter began. "But to an Iraqi mother who has just seen a bullet go through the head of her child, I don't think the war of words matters too much.

"Instead of reporting the number of innocents killed as a result of the Bush lies about WMD and his mishandling of the war, the media gets in a dither because Rosie used the 'T-word.' It is entirely the wrong focus," said Porter.

"There is a reality here which we just don't seem to get. For the last thousand years, the nations of Western Europe and their progeny (which includes the United States) have waged a savage colonial war of occupation and usurpation against most of the rest of the world. Like it or not, to the natives of South America, Cortez was a terrorist. To the natives of North America, the French, British, and early Colonialists were terrorists. To the indigenous peoples of Africa, the slave traders were terrorists. To the people of Indo-China, the French were terrorists. And to the peoples of the Islamic nations of the Middle East, many of the nations of Europe have been the terrorists.

"And now that Islamic terrorists—***whose tactics are as brutal and wrong as those used against their peoples***—have begun a kind of historical turn-about, we in America feign surprise.

"Until we acknowledge that the terrorism we face today is retribution for nearly a millennium of Western terrorism, we will not end it. We will only go on destroying our own troops and innocent people the world over in a neurotic cycle. The first step to solving the terrorist problems of the world is to understand what has caused them. By owning up to their roots and by coming to grips with the poverty and ignorance which creates terrorism, we stand a far better chance to heal the world than by continuing Bush's insanity or the media's war of words.

"What we need is a media which will present the lessons of history to our people instead of playing childish games. What we need are caring statesmen instead of the corrupted, shallow politicians like Phil English and George Bush who rule the land."