

THE RETURN OF GOLLUM

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I am starting to confuse that famous Senator from Massachusetts and now Presidential candidate with the Lord of the Rings character Gollum. In my opinion, Gollum was one of the most interesting fictional characters in film history. Gollum was a schizophrenic poor soul that was consumed by the power of his *"precious"* ring of power. Gollum's fixation with the power of the ring drove him to do everything and anything to obtain it; lying, stealing and betrayal were his methods of madness. Some of the most memorable scenes from Lord of the Rings involved the debates Gollum would have with himself. In a classic example of life imitating art John Kerry is eerily reminding me of Gollum's flip-flopping neurosis. The ring of power that Kerry seeks just happens to be the presidency. Being an active observer of politics and positions we have encountered a wealth of "Gollumisims" by John Kerry

JOHN KERRY ON HOW HE IS LOVED IN BELGIUM

"I've met with foreign leaders who can't go out and say this publicly, but, boy, they look at you and say: You have got to win this. You've got to beat this guy. We need a new policy. Things like that."

John Kerry has refused to provide any information to support his assertion that he met with foreign leaders who beseeched him to prevail over President Bush. According to Senate records the Massachusetts Democrat has made no official foreign trips since the start of last year. Mr. Kerry's domestic travel schedules revealed only one opportunity for the candidate to meet with foreign leaders here. I am staggered at why John Kerry thinks that the endorsement of foreign leaders makes him a better choice for president. He should spend more time worrying about Americans instead of making nicety-nice with euro-socialist weenies.

VOTING RECORD

John Kerry voted for the USA Patriot Act, No Child Left Behind Education Bill, and the Congressional resolution authorizing the president to use force in Iraq. Once he became a candidate he has consistently criticized all three.

JOHN KERRY ON BEING IRISH

"For those of us who are fortunate to share Irish ancestry, we take pride in the contributions of Irish-Americans" John Kerry –Senate floor statement March 18, 1986

"John Kerry has never indicated to anyone that he was Irish and corrected people over the years who assumed he was." Kerry spokeswoman Kelly Benander February 2003.

JOHN KERRY ON SPECIAL INTERESTS

"We our coming to Washington to kick out the special interests, don't let the door hit you on the way out." John Kerry

John Kerry has taken more special interest money in the past fifteen years than any other Senator.

JOHN KERRY ON PEOPLE WHO WOULD TAKE A BULLET FOR HIM AKA (SECRET SERVICE)

John Kerry called his secret service agent a **"son of a b*tch"** after the agent inadvertently moved into his path during a ski mishap in Idaho, sending Kerry falling into the snow. When asked a moment later about the incident by a reporter on the ski run, Kerry said sharply, "I don't fall down," the "son of a b*tch knocked me over."

The Secret Service agent in question has complained about Kerry's treatment, top sources told the DRUDGE REPORT. ***"Obviously, the complications and burden of being monitored 24-hours a day is not just a simple inconvenience," a government source explained. "But Senator Kerry should understand agents are working for his safety and well-being."***

KERRY ON GAY MARRIAGE

John Kerry voted against the defense of marriage act in 1996 that would put him on the far left of this issue. However, this past year Kerry stated that he might support an amendment to the Massachusetts constitution banning gay marriage.

JOHN KERRY ON ISRAEL

Senator Kerry recently adopted the same stance as the Bush administration in regards to security fence being built in Israel.

"Israel's security fence is a legitimate act of self defense," he said. "Israel has a right and a duty to defend its citizens. The fence only exists in response to the wave of terror attacks against Israel."

The Jerusalem Post pointed out that the statement was issued a week ahead of the March 2nd primaries, which include New York state, "with its high concentration of Democratic Jewish voters."

Senator Kerry this past October had a different opinion of the fence when he referred to it as **"barrier to peace."** He said this during a speech at the Arab American Institute's national leadership conference in Michigan:

"I know how disheartened Palestinians are by the Israeli government's decision to build the barrier off of the Green Line -- cutting deep into Palestinian areas...We don't need another barrier to peace...Provocative and counterproductive measures only harm Israelis' security over the long term, increase the hardships to the Palestinian people, and make the process of negotiating an eventual settlement that much harder."

JOHN KERRY ON THE \$87 BILLION SUPPLEMENTAL SPENDING BILL FOR IRAQ AND AFGANISTAN

Responding to a Bush advertisement that criticized him for voting against last year's \$87 billion supplemental spending bill at Marshall University in West Virginia, Kerry stated: ***"I actually did vote for the \$87 billion supplemental spending bill, before I voted against it."***

These are just a few examples of the various position changes taken by candidate Kerry. I have no problem with individuals or politicians changing their minds on issues for one reason or another. It would be helpful however, for John Kerry to explain his numerous changes of heart. Kerry when pressed on his Senate voting record gets quite upset.

"How else are we supposed to find out about you Senator... The Heinz Company annual report?"

Not to mention the Boston Herald March 1, report that John Kerry has been a no-show in the Senate for the past 14 months. During his run for the presidency, Kerry has missed every one of the 22 roll call votes in the Senate this year and was absent for 292, or 64 percent of the roll call votes last year, according to a Herald review of Senate records.

A federal law states that some of his \$158,000 salary should be withheld. Section 39 of the United States Code Service requires the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Administrative Officer of the House to deduct daily pay from members for each day they are absent. The only legal excuse is if the senator or representative, or one of their family members, is ill, the law states. Meanwhile, John Kerry's wealth, because he has "*married well*" is between \$198 million and \$838 million.

I, like many other Americans would like to know where this individual stands on the issues; the financial markets would also like to know. Financial markets hate uncertainty and uncertainty is what we have in John Kerry. The American people deserve an honest debate and the ability to compare and contrast their choices. Lets cutout the sound bites and have an honest debate.

