

Al-Qaeda Propagandizes For Bush On Eve Of State of the Union

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Hot on the heels of Osama bin Laden's [latest release](#), an audio tape that [boosted](#) George W. Bush's poll numbers despite it being described as a [probable fake](#) by bin Laden expert Professor Bruce Lawrence, Ayman al-Zawahri has popped up on the eve of the State of the Union to hand Bush all the ammunition he needs to threaten American citizens for a sixth consecutive time.

[Associated Press](#) reports,

CAIRO, Egypt - Al-Qaida No. 2 Ayman al-Zawahri said in a videotape aired Monday that President Bush was a "butcher" and a "failure" because of a deadly U.S. airstrike in Pakistan targeting the bin Laden deputy, and he threatened a new attack on the United States.

A U.S. counterterrorism official, speaking on condition of anonymity in compliance with office policy, said there was no reason to doubt the authenticity of the tape, which U.S. intelligence officials were analyzing. The official said the message broadcast by Al-Jazeera showed al-Qaida believed it was important to convey that al-Zawahri is alive.

Bush's handlers don't have time to wait to see whether the story floats as they did with the bin Laden tape before making a decision to refer to it in the speech. However, analysis that suggests the tape is a forgery as was the case with the previous offering won't surface until after Tuesday night's address.

Previous tapes which featured Ayman al-Zawahri were found to be [cobbled together from old footage](#) but that doesn't bother a lapdog media well versed in manufacturing consent and never offering retractions when said tapes turn out to be questionable frauds.

Nor does it seem to concern them that Al-Zawahri was [reportedly arrested by the Iranians](#) in February 2002.



Al-Zawahri and bin Laden seem to be amazingly adept at releasing statements at the most politically expedient times that benefit the Bush administration.

On the eve of the Iraq war before Colin Powell's infamous presentation to the UN, an audio tape in which bin Laden claimed he was allied with Saddam Hussein surfaced, [a gift-wrapped present](#) for the Neo-Cons who had consistently been proven wrong in their assertion that there was a connection between Iraq and 9/11.

Four days before the 2004 presidential election, bin Laden appeared with Bush's 'October surprise' – claiming he ordered 9/11 and appearing to goad Americans with threats of more attacks. The tape enabled Bush to [recover vital approval ratings](#) that he had lost to John Kerry in the weeks before and win re-election.

Even veteran newsman Walter Kronkite went public to suggest [the tape was a set-up](#) masterminded by Karl Rove.

A [Cornell University study](#) confirmed that whenever a terror alert or a terror threat is issued, Bush's approval ratings show a significant jump.

Previous bin Laden tapes were [proven to be fraudulent](#) by voice analysis labs in Europe.

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