

McCain's "Collaborations" with Democrats

John McCain's conservative supporters are voting for him based on his phony, media created, bionic-Rambo-POW-hero image while ignoring his real life "pro-leftist" record.

Whenever questioned about his collaborations with democrats, McCain's knee-jerk reply is to characterize the inquiries as attacks. His handlers then move quickly to counter with a TV ad reminding the public that candidate McCain was captured and brutalized by Communist Vietnam - a country which today Sen. McCain bends over to help.

McCain's domestic legislative record is a conservative disaster. Consider these:

McCain-Kennedy — the most far-reaching pro-amnesty program in American history.

McCain-Feingold — the most brazen frontal assault on political speech since Buckley v. Valeo.

McCain-Lieberman — the most onerous and intrusive attack on American industry — through reporting, regulating, and taxing authority of greenhouse gases — in American history.

McCain-Kennedy-Edwards — the biggest boon to the trial bar since the tobacco settlement, under the rubric of a patients' bill of rights.

McCain-Reimportation of Drugs — a significant blow to pharmaceutical research and development, not to mention consumer safety.

McCain's stated opposition to the Bush 2001 and 2003 tax cuts was largely based on socialist, class-warfare rhetoric — tax cuts for the rich, not for the middle class. The public record is full of these statements. Today, he recalls only his insistence on accompanying spending cuts.

McCain also led the Gang of 14, which prevented the Republican leadership in the Senate from mounting a rule change that would have ended the systematic use (actual and threatened) of the filibuster to prevent majority approval of judicial nominees.

McCain-ACLU — the unprecedented granting of due-process rights to unlawful enemy combatants (terrorists).

McCain has repeatedly called for the immediate closing of Guantanamo Bay and the introduction of al-Qaeda terrorists into our own prisons — despite the legal rights they would immediately gain and the burdens of managing such a dangerous population.

McCain, who claims he was brutally tortured by the communist Vietnamese and owes his public life to the tag "former POW, ironically emerged, as early as 1986, as Hanoi's leading advocate for normalized relations with the United States. He has worked hard for the Hanoi communist to discredit evidence proving POWs were left behind after the 1973 prisoner release. McCain has single-handedly diluted or destroyed all proposed legislation that would pressure Hanoi into telling the truth.