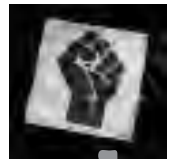


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# Curb Corn Dog Cornyn!



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*U.S. Senator John Cornyn: The Bush Administration's Lapdog*

# Barking Points

Senator John Cornyn's voting record demonstrates a chilling disregard for the lives and welfare not only of Americans, but of people throughout the world. The senator has a history of disregarding his constituents and voting lockstep with President Bush, even as the President and his agenda have become overwhelmingly unpopular. As Senator Cornyn runs for re-election in 2008, he will struggle to defend his record.

- **On the war in Iraq.** Four-and-one-half years after the invasion, more than 3,825 U.S. soldiers and 655,000 Iraqis have died, and a majority of Americans tell pollsters we are ready to bring our troops home. Yet Senator Cornyn continues to vote for war funding and resists any legislation which would set a timetable for withdrawal.
- **On torture.** Senator Cornyn was one of only nine senators who, in October 2005, voted against the McCain amendment, which banned the use of cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment against anyone in U.S. government custody.
- **On children's health insurance.** In August 2007 Senator Cornyn voted with the minority against expansion of the State Children's Insurance Program to cover nine million currently uninsured children.
- **On domestic spying.** Also in August 2007 Senator Cornyn voted for the "Protect America Act" which — in likely violation of the Fourth Amendment — allows U.S. intelligence officials to monitor, without a warrant, anything the authorities deem as "suspicious" communication originating inside the United States.

\*Source for votes: <<http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/members/c001056/key-votes/>>

**Act NOW! Let Senator Cornyn know that Texans don't need a Bush lapdog who supports the war and torture but denies health care to needy children. Tell him we require our Senator to work for the people of Texas, not for the wealthy global corporate elite.**

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# Bad Dog!

## The Senator, the Money, and the Record

John Cornyn is rated by the nonpartisan *National Journal* as the fourth most conservative lawmaker in the United States Senate. The *Dallas Morning News* reports that he has been a reliable ally of George W. Bush from the days when Bush was governor of Texas.

Cornyn's largest campaign contributions have come from J.P. Morgan Chase, Exxon Mobil, and Bass Brothers Enterprises (Texas oil tycoons and Bush financiers). These big spenders get good bang for their buck. Cornyn voted **against** including oil and gas smokestacks in mercury regulations; **against** factoring global warming into federal project planning; **against** a ban on Arctic National Wildlife Refuge drilling; **against** reducing oil usage by 40% (rather than a meager 5%); **against** removing oil and gas exploration subsidies, despite the oil industry's record profits year after year. Cornyn is described by *MSN Money* as one of "Big Oil's ten favorite members of Congress."

His record also reflects a slavish subservience to corporate interests in every area. This is shown by appraisals of his voting record by the following national civic organizations, each of which gave the senator zero scores or failing grades on his legislative performance:

*League of Conservation Voters* • *National Abortion Rights Action League*

• *Planned Parenthood* • *National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association* • *Fund for Animals* • *Humane Society* • *American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals* • *Animal Protection Institute* • *National Trust for Historic Preservation* • *Citizens for Tax Justice* • *Public Citizen's Congress Watch* • *Americans United for the Separation of Church and State* • *Human Rights Campaign* • *National Council of La Raza* • *Arab American Institute* • *National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors* • *National Education Association* • *National Parent Teacher Association* • *Defenders of Wildlife* • *Council for a Livable*

*World* • *Peace PAC* • *National Breast Cancer Coalition* • *American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists* • *American Public Health Association* • *Global AIDS Alliance* • *Service Employees International Union* • *American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees* • *National Organization of Women* • *Americans for Democratic Action*

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• *Citizens for Global Solutions*  
• *Genocide Intervention Network - Darfur*

Source: Project Vote Smart  
<<http://www.votesmart.org>>



# MDS Austin

**Movement for a Democratic Society**

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The “Curb Corn Dog Cornyn” street theatre protest action was conceived and organized by the Austin chapter of the Movement for a Democratic Society (MDS).

MDS is a multi-issue activist organization affiliated with the newly revived Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). Many MDS members are veterans of the New Left in the Sixties and Seventies.

The goal of MDS is the creation of a more egalitarian society in both the political and economic spheres. MDS believes in participatory democracy, the expansion of human rights, universal healthcare, the rejection of discrimination based on race, gender or sexual preference, the preservation of the earth's environment, the expansion of workers’ rights, a more equitable distribution of wealth, and the rejection of militarism and war as a way of resolving differences among peoples and nations.

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