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James M. Brady, Executive Editor, washingtonpost.com  
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Dear Editor,

I noted with interest that WashingtonPost.com has just hired a former Bush Administration official to write a conservative blog entitled "Red America."

Balanced coverage and ideologically diverse editorials have long been hallmarks of responsible journalism. If the Post would like to appear evenhanded, I strongly suggest the website launch a similarly partisan liberal blog, "Blue America."

I recognize that the Post has come under fire for its supposed "liberal bias." I only wish that were true. The Post's editorial board has taken numerous positions – in support of a misguided Iraq war, for example – that suggest a conservative tilt.

For years, the right has worked to undermine media objectivity and bias coverage in conservatives' favor. The Post's new blog is the latest evidence that the Republican effort is working.



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