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CHAPEL HILL, NC--Democracy Means You ([www.democracymeansyou.com](http://www.democracymeansyou.com), an organization that promotes increased participation in the democratic process), announces:

**APRIL 1st:**  
**“I Love My Country and I’m Still Embarrassed  
by the President” Day**

Following an extremely successful national “Embarrassed Day” event on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004, in which over 40,000 people nationwide wore brown ribbons to protest what they called the “brown material” coming out of the White House, activist group DemocracyMeansYou and PropagandaCentral.com has organized the second annual “I Love My Country and I’m STILL Embarrassed by the President” day.

“Americans all over the country continue to be so frustrated with the policies of the Bush Administration and its hypocritical policies. So many participants in the first Embarrassed Day exclaimed things like “I’m embarrassed by the President every day” that it has become an annual event. The national event will continue protest all the spin, lies, manipulations, misrepresentations, and mismanagement of the Bush Administration,” says Ian Kleinfeld, political activist and founder of DemocracyMeansYou.

We want the world to see who’s the biggest April fool. Unfortunately, it’s the president.

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, and the week prior, participants will be wearing “BUSH BROWN” RIBBONS, armbands, official buttons, and/or clothing “to protest all the ‘brown material’ flowing out of the White House and stinking up the nation,” and to remind everyone of what we consider the “brownshirt” behavior of the Bush group and its followers.

“The timing of the event is to drive home the point that it’s not necessary to approve of Bush to be patriotic. We think it’s ridiculous how the right has used so-called ‘patriotism’ as a wedge issue. Anyone who disagrees with Bush is a communist. I thought this was America,” said Donny Goldman, another DemocracyMeansYou organizer. “In fact, there was at least one instance during the first Embarrassed Day in Colorado where kids who had organized to participate were told that they would be suspended if they wore ‘brown ribbons or brown clothing,’ and forced to take off their brown ribbons. Students who counter-organized to wear

yellow ribbons were allowed to wear them without harassment. This was Elizabeth Middle School in Elbert County.” (School Administration: 303-646-4520).

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