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Helen Thomas - Columnist

"The great journalism we have known is in a state of demise. And even more unfortunate is the timidity and lack of nerve on the part of reporters these days to call them as they see them. No reporter with eyes and ears wide open could have mistaken the fact that President Bush wanted to go to war from the moment he stepped foot in the White House and nothing would stop him... I believe the press could have stopped the mayhem before it started by not defaulting on its one weapon-skepticism. It would have called on reporters to demand every day news conferences to pin the president down and to show how bereft his reasons were to go to war. But reporters were holier than thou caught up in the intimidating and for some exciting - atmosphere of patriotism and then war itself."

Helen Thomas, Dec. 13, 2005, upon receiving the first Truth in Media "Izzy" award from MediaChannel.org. "

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About

UPDATE

Tom Abate's review of Thomas' Oct. 11, 2006, talk to the Media Alliance in San Francisco.

On March 22, 2006, President Bush called on Ms. Thomas for the first time in a presidential news conference in more than three years. Listen to the question Thomas asked and how Bush responded:

(Audio segment of White House News Conference, via DemocracyNow)

WIKIPEDIA BIO: Helen Thomas

BELOW EXCERPTED FROM AN OFFICIAL BIO AT THE HARRY THOMAS SPEAKER BUREAU WEBSITE:

Helen Thomas, a Hearst Newspapers columnist, who served for 57 years as a correspondent for United Press International and White House bureau chief, was born in Winchester, Kentucky. She was raised in Detroit, Michigan where she attended public school and later graduated from Wayne State University. Upon leaving college, she served as a copy girl for the old, now defunct Washington Daily News. In 1943, Ms. Thomas joined United Press International and the Washington Press Corps. She left UPI in May 2000 and joined Hearst Corporation as a columnist writing on the White House and other national affairs.

OTHER RESOURCES:

Download (60MB) an MP3 radio-show appearance by Helen Thomas with talkmaster Doug Basham in Las Vegas:

<http://www.dougbasham.com/HelenThomas.mp3>

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