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By Any Means Necessary

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The GOP has an image problem. A dozen years of Republican control in DC left many in the party complacent and open to the types of activities that give politics a dirty name. Of the 25 most corrupt members of Congress, 21 are Republicans, according to the nonpartisan watchdog group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), and included in that list is Republican Rep. Jerry Lewis.

Lewis' likely malfeasance is unfortunate. At a time when California is decently positioned to have a fairer shake at federal monies, Lewis, along with fellow "under ongoing investigation" Cali buddies Rep. John Doolittle and Rep. Ken Calvert is tainted by the stench of bribery.

But Shawn Steel, FlashReport contributor and former chairman of the California Republican Party, will hear nothing of it. In a piece entitled "Blood Sport: Slamming Jerry Lewis," Steel blames his party's corruption conundrum on, who else, the Democrats! Oh, and Vladimir Lenin makes a guest appearance:

"Democrats will do anything to get and maintain power. After all, Lenin wasn't too good a revolutionary. His specialty, once he took power, was to create a ruthless system for permanent power at any cost. Democrats hope to do the same in 2008. By any means necessary, get more senate and house seats."

The stench of desperation in this post reeks more than the <u>mold and rat infested rooms</u> at Walter Reed Army Medical Center under Bush's watch.