

Chris Patten, the last British Governor of Hong Kong, and current European Union External Affairs Commissioner, recently appeared on Charlie Rose (March 4, 2004). Among his insightful comments:

A discussion board about his appearance on the show may be read [here](#):

An interesting interview with Patten may be found here:

He has a few things to say about the recent bloodletting at the BBC.

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Where does the war against terrorism head next? What consequences is it having for the rule of law?

Oh that we had American audiences that would listen if they did...

On a slightly different topic, the NASA Spirit probe sent back a wonderful picture looking back towards Earth:

Just a bit humbling!

Lastly, The Note, over at ABC News, brought an article from The Washington Post to my attention today:

In it, Dan Balz and Jim Vandehei write:

In Iowa, a year of Democratic campaigning has left Bush damaged. In Wisconsin, the Bush campaign is running ads from the southern reaches of Madison to the rural lakes and woods country of Rhinelander to undo the impact of job losses and the damage Bush

sustained during the Democratic primaries. But Republicans connected to the Bush campaign say all three could tilt to the president in the fall.

One can only guess what they mean by “cultural issues”... Does anyone still doubt that Bush endorsed the anti-marriage amendment as an election year ploy?