

Speaking of words from beyond the grave, Jake Tapper of Mickey Mouse dot com reported yesterday in his blog, *Political Punch*, that Gerald Ford has endorsed Rudy: It's rare that presidents speak from beyond the grave, much less to make a political endorsement. For that reason, perhaps it's understandable that former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani hasn't had a response to the surprise announcement made in today's New York Daily News by the late President Gerald Ford."I think Giuliani is an electrifying guy," Ford told Daily News Washington bureau chief Tom DeFrank in May 2006. "He's a great speaker. He's had a good record of winning in New York City, and he can be tough."

...Ford was the last Republican president to have supported abortion rights. Giuliani aspires to be the next.

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