



Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House

Eric Boehlert

Download now

Read Online ➔

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House

Eric Boehlert

Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House Eric Boehlert

Lapdogs is the first book to demonstrate that, for the entire George W. Bush presidency, the news media have utterly failed in their duty as watchdog for the public. In blistering prose, Eric Boehlert reveals how, time after time, the press chose a soft approach to covering the government, and as a result reported and analyzed crucial events incompletely and even inaccurately. From WMDs to Valerie Plame to the NSA's domestic spying, mainstream fixtures such as *The New York Times*, CBS, CNN, and *Time* magazine too often ignored the administration's missteps and misleading words, and did not call out the public officials who betrayed the country's trust. Throughout both presidential campaigns and the entire Iraq war to date, the media acted as a virtual mouthpiece for the White House, giving watered-down coverage of major policy decisions, wartime abuses of power, and egregious mistakes -- and sometimes these events never made it into the news at all. Finally, in *Lapdogs*, the press is being held accountable by one of its own.

Boehlert homes in on the reasons the press did not do its job: a personal affinity for Bush that journalists rarely displayed toward his predecessor, Bill Clinton; a Republican White House that threatened to deny access to members of the media who asked challenging questions or voiced criticism; and a press that feared being tainted by accusations of liberal bias. Moreover, journalists -- who may have wanted to report accurately on the important stories -- often found themselves at cross-purposes with media executives, many of whom were increasingly driven by economic concerns. Cowed by all of these factors, the media abandoned their traditional role of stirring up meaningful public debate.

Boehlert asserts that the Bush White House never subscribed to the view -- commonly held by previous administrations -- that a relationship with the press is an important part of the democratic process. Instead, it saw the press as just another special interest group that needed to be either appeased or held at bay -- or, in some cases, squashed. The administration actively undermined the basic tenets of accurate and fair journalism, and reporters and editors accepted their reduced roles without a whimper. To an unprecedented degree, journalists too often stopped asking uncomfortable questions of people in power. In essence, the entire purpose and pursuit of journalism was sacrificed.

Riveting in its sharp denouncement, supported by dozens of glaring and troubling examples of journalistic malpractice, *Lapdogs* thoroughly dissects the press's misconduct during Bush's presidency and gives voice to the growing public dismay with the mainstream media.

 [Download Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White Hous ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White Ho ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House Eric Boehlert

Download and Read Free Online Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House Eric Boehlert

From reader reviews:

Milan Allen:

Book is to be different for every single grade. Book for children until eventually adult are different content. As we know that book is very important normally. The book Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House has been making you to know about other information and of course you can take more information. It is very advantages for you. The book Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House is not only giving you far more new information but also to get your friend when you truly feel bored. You can spend your personal spend time to read your reserve. Try to make relationship using the book Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House. You never experience lose out for everything if you read some books.

Marilyn Perez:

Now a day people who Living in the era just where everything reachable by talk with the internet and the resources inside can be true or not demand people to be aware of each information they get. How many people to be smart in receiving any information nowadays? Of course the answer then is reading a book. Reading through a book can help men and women out of this uncertainty Information particularly this Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House book since this book offers you rich info and knowledge. Of course the information in this book hundred percent guarantees there is no doubt in it you may already know.

Cassandra Sanderson:

Is it a person who having spare time subsequently spend it whole day by watching television programs or just lying down on the bed? Do you need something new? This Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House can be the respond to, oh how comes? The new book you know. You are so out of date, spending your time by reading in this completely new era is common not a nerd activity. So what these textbooks have than the others?

Darlene Gutierrez:

Many people said that they feel weary when they reading a book. They are directly felt this when they get a half areas of the book. You can choose the actual book Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House to make your reading is interesting. Your skill of reading skill is developing when you such as reading. Try to choose simple book to make you enjoy to see it and mingle the idea about book and studying especially. It is to be 1st opinion for you to like to available a book and learn it. Beside that the reserve Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House can to be your brand new friend when you're experience alone and confuse in doing what must you're doing of this time.

Download and Read Online Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House Eric Boehlert #IYAGZHEST9J

Read Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House by Eric Boehlert for online ebook

Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House by Eric Boehlert Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House by Eric Boehlert books to read online.

Online Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House by Eric Boehlert ebook PDF download

Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House by Eric Boehlert Doc

Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House by Eric Boehlert Mobipocket

Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House by Eric Boehlert EPub

Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House by Eric Boehlert Ebook online

Lapdogs: How the Press Lay Down for the Bush White House by Eric Boehlert Ebook PDF