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President hails ‘power of liberty’ in speech to NPRI

President George W. Bush, addressing the Nevada Policy Research Institute today, stressed the importance of staying on offense in the War on Terror, and — with his audience as witnesses — publicly signed a 15-day extension of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act to allow Congress time to further extend the program.

The President focused much of his discussion on the “transformative power of liberty” for turning former enemies into solid allies and fast friends for America.

“[W]e ought to have confidence in liberty's power to bring the peace we want, and not shy away from helping people realize the great blessings of freedom,” the President said. “We've got to be confident in the transformative powers of liberty, recognizing that deep in everybody's soul is the desire to be free.”

President Bush also praised NPRI, saying that “[O]ne of the themes at the State of the Union was that government ought to trust people and empower them to make their own decisions about their future. And this Institute does that, and I appreciate it very much. I thank you for being on the forefront of good, optimistic thought.”

NPRI President Sharon Rossie said it was an honor for the Institute to host the President. “As an organization that is dedicated to the pursuit of sound public policy, the Institute was extremely pleased to welcome President Bush to Nevada for this important policy speech,” Rossie said. “We recognize that the defense and advancement of freedom are at the heart of the President’s foreign policy, and those principles are also central to NPRI’s mission here in Nevada.”

The event continued the Institute’s tradition of providing forums for significant national and world leaders, a list that includes not only President Bush, but also former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

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