



Media Advisory: UNH Faculty Experts Available to Comment on President Bush's State of the Union Address

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The following experts from the University of New Hampshire are available to comment on President Bush's State of the Union address today (Jan. 20) and the morning after the address.

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Tom Trout's experience includes three command tours and active duty assignments in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Office of the Director of Naval Intelligence, Analysis Division; Naval Operations Intelligence Center; and the Center for Naval Warfare Studies, U.S. Naval War College. He has published books on national security affairs and the politics of global resources.

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Robert Woodward has been teaching health economics and health care finance at all university levels for almost 30 years. He has worked in HCFA's Office of Legislation and Policy on administrative cost issues and in the Department of Health Education and Welfare's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. Woodward's currently funded research attends to socio-economics and pharmaco-economics.

Woodward's Comments: “In general, I am depressed by my perception that Bush seems able to persuade the American public that his tax cuts, his war, his space plan, and his medical reforms are visionary, when if implemented they would burden next-generation Americans with thousands of dollars annually in interest payments (to say nothing about debt repayments). When presented by the President with things that sound too good to be true, Americans focus on the fantasy and ignore the fact that they are too good to be true.

“All of which is to say that Bush SHOULD be addressing the deficit that the tax cuts, the war, the space plan, and the Medicare reforms are imposing on future generations.”