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Forty years ago when the first March On Washington for Jobs and Freedom was staged, the combined force of a fledgling coalition came together to not only convene a march, but to launch a movement.

I am proud to say at the center of that coalition was organized labor – especially African American leadership like A. Phillip Randolph who understood that freedom for working people was not solely rooted in economic empowerment, but also political mobilization.

As a member of the nation's largest trade union – the Service Employees International Union – I can tell you that the spirit of A. Phillip Randolph lives in those of us who are continuing to be a voice for working people.

Our empowerment is directly tied to political activism. The current occupant of the White House sends us a challenge. But brothers and sisters, complacency and our failure to mobilize to change the current status quo in Washington are the greatest threat to our future – in fact, the future of the planet.

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That brings me to some reflections about the man in the White House – or at this moment in Crawford, Texas. Let me share with you a collection of factoids that I call Bushisms.

He brought an oil company, but couldn't find any oil in Texas. The company went bankrupt shortly after he sold all his stock.

He brought the Texas Rangers baseball team in a sweetheart deal that took land using tax-payer money. His biggest decision while at the helm of the Rangers was to trade Sammy Sosa to the Chicago Cubs.

What troubles me is not only what we know about him, but also what we don't know.

We know about at least one conviction for drunk driving in Maine, but his Texas driving record has been erased.

He went AWOL from the National Guard and deserted the military during the Viet Nam war. But he refused to talk about that period in his life.

Despite wide speculation about his drug use, he would not take a drug test or answer any questions about drug use.

All records of any Security and Exchange Commission investigations into his insider trading are sealed. So are all minutes of meeting for any public corporations he served on.

With Daddy's help and no experience except running for Congress and losing, he got elected Governor of Texas.

He cut taxes and bankrupted the Texas government to the tune of billions in borrowed money. He also set the record for putting more people to death than any Governor in American history.

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Then, he goes on to become President of the United States.

We all know about the disputed Florida election and the question of whether he should even be in the White House.

While that's a subject of debate in some circles, it is an undisputed fact that he lost the popular vote and was installed in office by Supreme Court justices appointed by his Dad.

What does he do in the White House?

He spends the surplus. Bankrupts the treasury. And creates the biggest annual deficit in history.

He sets the record for the biggest ever-plunge in the stock market. And that's only the beginning!

He has scored a number of other noteworthy firsts:

The first year in office he rakes up more vacation days than any president in history.

Surpasses all presidential records for campaign fundraising trips.

Raises more money than any president in history and holds the all-time record for the most corporate campaign donations of any officer holder in history.

Cuts unemployment benefits for more jobless Americans than any president in history.

Presides over the highest gasoline prices in history and the worst energy crisis ever.

Selects cabinet members who are collectively the richest ever to hold those positions.

Signs more laws and executive orders amending the Constitution than any president in history.

Removes more freedoms and civil liberties for Americans than any president in history.

Creates a country that has not been as divided since the civil war.

Dissolves more international treaties than any president in U.S. history

Sparks the United Nations to remove the United States from the human rights commission for the first time in history.

Wins the distinction as the first U.S. President viewed as the biggest threat to world peace and stability, according to the majority of Europeans polled on the subject.

He's the first U.S. president in history to unilaterally attack a sovereign nation against the will of the United Nations and the world community.

And sets the all-time record for sparking protests worldwide, sending 15 million people to the streets to protest his policy on Iraq.

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Brothers and sisters, I could go on and on about this incredible record. But instead of focusing any more of my attention on George W. Bush, I have to ask the question: “What are we going to do about it?”