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Roger Pilon, Vice President for Legal Affairs, Cato Institute:

On the eighth anniversary of 9/11, the most brutal single attack on the nation in our history, we're debating whether the GOP has a civility problem?! This, because one GOP congressman said "You lie" when the president spoke about a provision he himself had just removed from the bill Congress had last seen? Have we failed to notice that the president himself had just called the words of "prominent politicians" "a lie, plain and simple"? Have we failed to notice that his entire "something-for-nothing" scheme simply doesn't add up, financially, which makes it one grand lie? Have we forgotten that Senator Harry Reid said "President Bush is a liar" – and never apologized for it? Have we forgotten the vicious, unrelenting Democratic attacks on Bush throughout his presidency, or on Sarah Palin, extending even to her children? Or the gratuitous attacks on Republican judicial nominees, starting with Robert Bork, and running through Samuel Alito, to a point at which Mrs. Alito had to leave the hearing room in tears? Have we lost all perspective? Or is the question before us and this debate just one more example of politics as usual here in Washington?

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