



THE BLOG 08/05/2008 05:12 am ET | Updated May 25, 2011

“What is it About George W. Bush that Makes you Want to Serve Him?”



By Marty Kaplan

That’s what former Justice Department counselor Monica M. Goodling and former chief of staff D. Kyle Sampson routinely asked applicants for non-political jobs at DoJ. The question, of course, is against the law, as the just-released report by the department’s Inspector General points out.

I wonder what kind of answers Monica and Kyle got.

“His rich creamy goodness”?

“His manly manness”?

“That thing he does with signing statements”?

No doubt Federalist Society members knew the right way to reply. But as the *Washington Post* points out, if you were applying to be, oh, an immigration judge or a line prosecutor, the question could have been a minefield.

In the spirit of fairness, I think it’s only fair that future applicants, instead of facing this trick open-ended question, should be offered a fill-in-the-blank option:

“What is it about George W. Bush that makes you want to _____ him?”

Follow Marty Kaplan on Twitter: www.twitter.com/martykaplan

Do you have information you want to share with HuffPost? Here’s how.



Marty Kaplan

USC Annenberg professor and Norman Lear Center director