

Cast of Characters

<u>Karl Rove:</u>	Supervisor of Republican call center
<u>George W. Bush:</u>	Our telemarketing President
<u>Senator Craig:</u>	Loves to play footsie
<u>Unsuspecting American:</u>	The first person George calls
<u>Smarty:</u>	The second person George calls
<u>Lynne Cheney:</u>	A Tony-worthy cameo
<u>Dick Cheney:</u>	Runs the country
<u>Republican telemarketers:</u>	A bunch of white men

Scene

Super secret call center located in the Pentagon.

Time

Modern-day America, as scary as it sounds.

ACT I

SCENE 1

SETTING: A call center in the Pentagon.

AT RISE: Karl Rove overlooking a bunch of white men -- Republicans prearing to begin their telemarketing duties.

KARL ROVE

Okay, people, we have work to do. The war's headed toward Iran now, and I want the talking points to be clear. Iran has weapons of mass destruction, which they are giving over to Iraqi insurgents, who hate freedom and all it stands for, and therefore we can all die any second. Questions?

(George W. Bush begs to be seen. He's so excited he drops his copy of "My Pet Goat".)

KARL ROVE

Anyone at all?

GEORGE W. BUSH

Pick me! Pick me!

KARL ROVE

(reluctant)

Yes, Georgie.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Can I use my knock-knock joke?

KARL ROVE

No ad-libbing, Georgie. Hit the talking points, stay the course, and nobody go to the bathroom. Especially you, Senator Craig.

(SENATOR CRAIG plays footsie with another caller.)

KARL ROVE

Let's sell this war!

(George settles in, dials his first number.)

UNSUSPECTING AMERICAN

Hello?

(George reads from script.)

GEORGE W. BUSH

Hi. My name is George W. Bush, calling on behalf of the Repubel ... Reputable ... the party that loves America. This call will be monitored and recorded for ...

(quote marks with fingers)

Training and accuracy purposes.

(stifles a laugh, gives thumbs-up to Karl)

The reason I'm calling tonight, Miss ... I'm sorry, I'm having a tough time with this name.

UNSUSPECTING AMERICAN

Smith.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Smith, right.

(self-deprecating giggle)

I'm calling tonight to tell you you're gonna die.

(Unsuspecting American hangs up)

KARL ROVE

Georgie, what did I tell you about ad-libbing?

GEORGE W. BUSH

Yes sir, Mr. Rove.

(George dials again.)

SMARTY

Hello. I'm a smart person who doesn't fool easily. You?

GEORGE W. BUSH

No sir. I'm the president of the United States.

SMARTY

What can I do for you? Drill in my backyard for oil?

GEORGE W. BUSH

That'd be great!

(George collects himself, reads script.)

Uh, I mean, I'm calling on behalf of the good guys. This is an urgent time for America, as our terror alert has reached yellow.

SMARTY

What does that mean?

GEORGE W. BUSH

Our country's safety is no longer safe.

SMARTY

Who's planning to attack us?

GEORGE W. BUSH

(Reads script.)

Iran has weapons --

SMARTY

What kind of weapons?

GEORGE W. BUSH

Uh ...

(George feverishly combs through his script. Smarty covers his mouth, holds back laughter.)

GEORGE W. BUSH

Nu-cu-lar.

(Smarty busts out laughing.)

GEORGE W. BUSH

There's nothing funny about this sir! Uh ...

(Reading script)

Iran is furnishing weapons to a bunch of people who don't believe in God.

SMARTY

What does that have to do with anything?

GEORGE W. BUSH

They attacked us on 9-11!

SMARTY

Who did?

GEORGE W. BUSH

They all did! Iraq, Iran, Al Qaida, Muslims, anyone who doesn't like America. They all had a hand in it.

(reading script)

We're trying to maintain freedom in the Middle East and protect all Americans from these dangerous people. They're funding terrorists. They're training terrorists. They are terrorists. Their friends are terrorists. Our intelligence believes their next attack may or may not happen at some point in the near or distant future, maybe.

SMARTY

I just don't see how our country's threatened by this.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Are you saying you don't support our troops? Look, our enemy is everywhere. They're in our neighborhoods and in our doctors' offices. They're in your workplace and in your closet. They're under the bed.

(MORE)

GEORGE W. BUSH (CONT'D)

They're listening to this phone call right now, laughing their asses off, because as soon as one American doubts this war, they've earned a victory. You don't want the terrorists to win, do you? Well that's what you're doing. You're helping them win. They --
(reading script)

They hate America. They hate freedom. They've stripped people of their rights, used excessive force, killed countless civilians and consistently ignored international law.
(ad-libs)

And I'll be damned if I live in a country where people put up with that!!!!

(George slams down the phone.
Dials, looks at his screen.)

Oh, great. Wyoming. Who the hell am I gonna talk to, a retarded prairie dog?

LYNNE CHENEY

Cheney residence.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Hello. This is George W. Bush calling on behalf of the Republic of America ... Is the Dick of the household at home?

(Lynn hands the phone to
Dick Cheney.)

DICK CHENEY

Cheney.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Hello Mr. Cheney. The reason I'm calling tonight is, we need to start a war with Iran.

DICK CHENEY

Done.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Excuse me?

DICK CHENEY

I'll pledge a gazillion jillion dollars.

(Poor George nearly has a
seizure.)

GEORGE W. BUSH

Thank you! Thank you Mr. President! Hey ... knock-knock.

DICK CHENEY

Who's there?

GEORGE W. BUSH

Al.

KARL ROVE

Georgie!

GEORGE W. BUSH (CONT'D)

Gotta go.

(Hangs up.)

I did it! I did it! I'm as happy as a state prosecutor in a Texas murder trial!

KARL ROVE

Way to go, Georgie! Fellas, hang up the banner that Georgie made.

(Callers hang a banner that reads "MISHUN AKOMPLISHED.")

KARL ROVE

Okay, everybody. Thanks to George's work we can move on to our next campaign -- helping the poor people recover in New Orleans.

(Blank, confused stares.)

KARL ROVE

I'm just kidding. Let's get those smelly Mexicans outta here!

EVERYONE

Hooray!

(They sing the STAR-SPANGLED BANNER, inserting "God" wherever they feel like it.)