

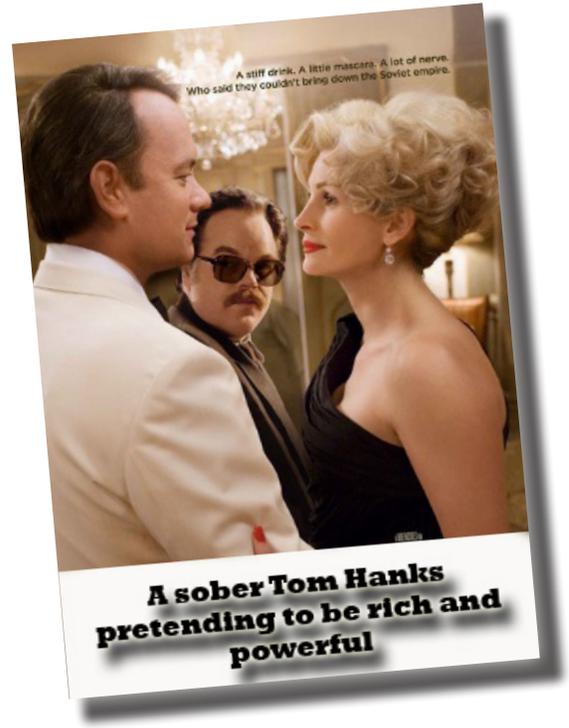
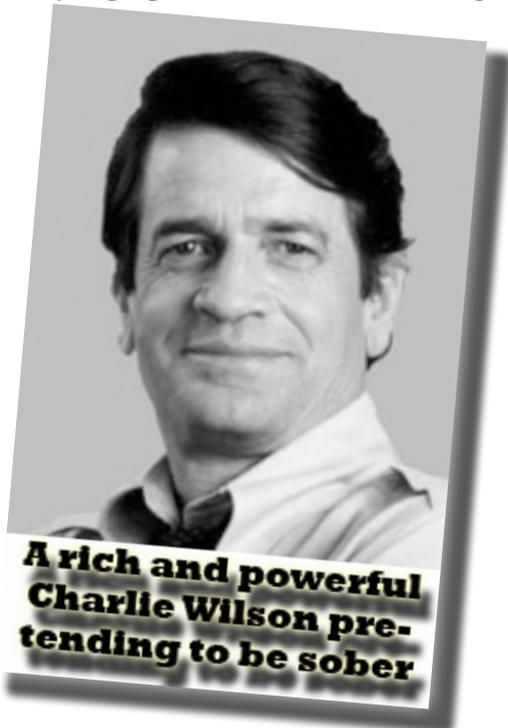
Who was George Bush Jr's Inspiration?

A review of the movie Charlie Wilson's War

He does lots of coke, get caught drinking and driving, makes war in the middle east, and sustains the career of Osama Bin Laden. Who am I talking about? It's not George Bush Jr. but the star of the latest film to rehabilitate violent criminals from the 70's. At a time when the young Bush was looking for a role model and the rest of us were waiting on line for gas, a United States Representative from Texas with a Lawrence of Arabia complex was living the good life. That representative is now the hero of a new film. In the tradition of The Godfather, Goodfellas, and American Gangster, Murder is the sub-plot in the tale of a criminal/hero.

In this case of Right makes right, a congressman is able to siphon off millions of dollars of taxes while doing his best Hugh Heffner impression to fund a group of religious fanatics with the weapons they need to "kill Russians". (see also: Americans, Jews, Christians, Italians, British, Buddhists, and women who drive or have been raped.) The audience is supposed to cry when he is honored in a "secret ceremony" at the CIA, but the big secret in this movie is 9-11 (A.K.A "blowback") and is never mentioned. Mentioning Osama Bin Laden might cloud the dramatic smell of Tom Hanks in the role of the man who solved the world's problems by sending more weapons to the Middle East.

Pity Tom Hanks when he struggles to send the latest anti-aircraft weapons to the Mujahadeen, Osama Bin Laden, and Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman. Pity him again when he struggles to send land mines to help the poor armless Afgan children injured by land mines. Cry for Philip Hoffman as the misunderstood CIA agent who seems to be the only one in Washington who really works hard at plotting to "kill Russians." Cry for Julia Roberts who's lips look like red painted balloon animals. Cry for Afganistan, playground of the military superpowers since the First Anglo -Afgan War of 1839.



And here's a test if you saw the movie already: What was United States Representative Charlie Wilson doing in a penthouse hot tub with no clothes, a naked playboy playmate, two strippers and an endless supply of booze and coke? Watching the news with Dan Rather.