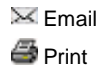


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## RUDY'S SORE OVER MOORE

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July 30, 2004 -- BOSTON — An emotional Rudy Giuliani yesterday lashed out at the director of the Bush-bashing film "Fahrenheit 9/11," saying, "I don't need Michael Moore to tell me about Sept. 11th."

Giuliani, billed as "America's Mayor" for his handling of the terror crisis almost three years ago, took aim at the flabby filmmaker during a GOP rally in Boston just hours before John Kerry accepted the Democratic presidential nomination.

"I lived through it," Giuliani told a reporter who had asked him if Moore's blockbuster documentary would push Bush out of office, as some pundits have suggested.

"I saw too much pain, too much suffering," the ex-mayor said.

Though Giuliani hasn't seen Moore's controversial documentary — which has grossed over \$100 million — he dubbed it "pure propaganda, propaganda for political purpose and for profit."

Giuliani then ripped into Democrats for treating Moore like a "rock star" at the convention.

While Moore was given no official role at the convention, he has been treated like a celebrity at many events — and even sat in ex-President Jimmy Carter's box Monday night.

The former mayor was the latest and most notable Republican to take on the Democrats outside the convention, part of a rapid-response team that also included Giuliani's former police commissioner, Bernard Kerik.

GOP leaders clearly saved Giuliani for last, hoping to cash in on his enormous national popularity on the same day that Kerry was set to make his acceptance speech.

Giuliani will be one of the key speakers at next month's Republican convention in New York. Yesterday he took aim at the Democrats, accusing Kerry and his running mate, John Edwards, of representing the "the far liberal wing of their party." As for the speeches this week, Giuliani said Democrats struggled to ignore the Massachusetts Democrat's lengthy Senate record, particularly when it comes to the war on terror.

"We had an inclination, and it turned out to be correct, that this would be a reinvention convention, a makeover convention," Giuliani said at the GOP rally.

Giuliani mocked Kerry for his shifting positions on Iraq and questioned how he could vote to authorize the war but then oppose an \$87 billion aid package to fund the troops.

"What we need is a strong, principled leader who is going to stand up for what is needed when it is popular and when it is unpopular," he said.

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