

## From Whom Can the Coalition Accept Unconditional Surrender?

By far the best Reality TV in the world today can be seen on the live broadcasts of the British Parliament.

Today's Prime Minister's Question Time was a classic, including the following exchange:

**Iain Duncan-Smith** [Leader of the Opposition]: The Prime Minister will recall that at the end of the last Gulf War, Iraqi generals signed a document of surrender on behalf of the Iraqi regime. The current regime is in complete collapse ... Given that, from whom does he believe, or do his advisers believe, that the Coalition can now accept an unconditional surrender?

**Tony Blair:** ... It is extremely difficult as we speak to know what is left of the governing higher ranks of Saddam's regime, and I think the best way of answering that would be that we must be clear that whomever we accept a final declaration [from] - that so far as Saddam's regime is concerned the war is over - whoever it is has [the] proper authority. Now I can't at the moment make a judgement as to who that may be...

**Un-named Member of Parliament:** [Galloway!](#)

[22 seconds of laughter from the whole House]

**Tony Blair:** Right. I'm going to resist all temptation at this point, so we'll have to wait and see.

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The House of Commons is quite often hilariously funny. I think this is a sign of how cool it is. Apart from anything else, surely the enormous amount of room for heckling and humour must attract slightly more intelligent interesting people into becoming MPs than it would otherwise? Can't imagine this happening in Berlin, but perhaps they're all too busy taking drugs in the toilets. Is there a website of British parliamentary humour?

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