

Duck urges a kinder, gentler campaign

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DUCKERS, Kentucky (DNN)—Farmyard Party White House hopeful Duck on Tuesday called for a campaign that attacks the challenges that America faces, rather than political challengers.

"It's time that we stop attacking each other. It's time to start attacking the issues," Duck announced at a campaign stop on his tour of sliding board states.

Speaking to a cheering audience at the School for a Designated Society in Duckers, Kentucky, Duck argued, "I want to address challenges that face American citizens. I talked to Concertina Dogglepenny, a third-grade



Duck campaign worker devising a dance to balance the budget to the tune of Mark Knopfler's "Money for Nothing"

teacher right here in Duckers, who is faced with the challenge of classroom without enough food to sustain their classroom bunny rabbit Hoppy. She confessed to me that she feared that the cuts in state funding, resulting in their inability to meet Average Yodeling Progress (AYP), would ultimately lead to Hoppy ending up on the school lunch menu rather than on the counter by the window where he belongs."

"I've seen long lines at the football game in Lexington, Kentucky," Duck said. "And John John Johnston told me that he was forced to choose between going to the bathroom and getting another corn dog and a pop because the limited number of facilities available for both concessions resulted in long lines and wait times that sometimes took as long as a minute and a half. "

"I had a young child named Salinas Pippiginia Workington stop me on my way into hospital to visit cute sick people who would look good in photographs in Hazard, Kentucky," Worm said. "This little 6-year-old showed me that you can do the months of the year to the tune of the Macarena. Then as she continued dancing, she asked, 'If we can do the months of the year, can't we also balance the budget if we find the right song?'"

"All these people—from Hoppy and Ms. Dogglepenny, to John Johnston and little Salinas—deserve a kinder, gentler America, and I'm one candidate who wants to work on meeting that challenge. I call for my worthy adversaries to put down the weapons of political warfare and work to meet the needs of the people of this great country."

Dove, of the Birds for Peace and author of the best-selling book *Campaigning for a Peaceful Society*, applauded Duck's stance on campaign reform, stating, "It's about time we start shooting down the challenges in this society, instead of shooting down the challengers." Birds for Peace released [documentation of recent attacks on Duck](#) from their office in Paxton, Illinois earlier this week.

Traci Gardner, Doreen Cronin, and Harry Bliss contributed to this report.



Duck appears with Hoppy, a rabbit with an uncertain future, on a campaign stop in Duckers, Kentucky.



Duck's campaign bus, outside the School for a Designated Society, in Duckers, Kentucky.