

### **How can DeWine approve that message?**

Thanks for the warning that more ads like Sen. Mike DeWine's altered 9/11 TV spots are under way ("Brown, DeWine put ads on early," Beacon Journal July 23). It is a shame that DeWine is willing to alter information and distort his opponent's voting record. It would be nice if such "Swift Boat" tactics were put to rest so we could hear a debate on the real issues. But I guess that is too much to hope for.

I can understand why DeWine would want to avoid discussing his own record. He has supported President Bush nearly all the time, with no effort to examine the impact of those votes. This applies to tax breaks for the rich, spying on American citizens, loss of American jobs, and more.

If he wants to make terrorism an issue, he should tell us why he not only failed, as a member of the Intelligence Committee, to fully examine the information he was given on Iraq, but also has failed to push for the congressional oversight that the committee is supposed to exercise. Instead he tries to shift the focus to something else.

If DeWine is willing to alter a picture of the World Trade Center towers, what else is he willing to do to be re-elected? The senator's decision to personally approve this commercial should be something we hold him accountable for in November.

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