

Loose Ends ...

Fox News' Bill O'Reilly asks Bernard Goldberg, author of 'A Slobbering Love Affair' what he makes of a New York Times' reporter's question to Obama at the 100 day press briefing. Goldberg says it is a 'soft' question that 'fits our metrosexual times'. "Today's men, a lot of men today, even men in powerful positions, especially men in journalism, they're softer, they're what a friend of mine calls NPR men," adds Bernard Goldberg.

The transcript from the O'Reilly Factor:

Bill O'Reilly: "The worst question was one that I cited in my Talking Points memo... Roll tape."

[shows clip]

Jeff Zeleny, the New York Times: "During these first 100 days what has surprised you most about this office? Enchanted you the most about serving this office; humbled you the most; and troubled you the most?"

Obama: "Now, let me write this down..."

[ends clip]

O'Reilly: "Did he actually say enchanted you the most? Did he actually say that word enchanted?"

Bernard Goldberg: "Yeah, well we're saying this is the worst question but it's really a fascinating question. Now let me tell you why. I cannot imagine any journalist asking Franklin Roosevelt if he was enchanted. Or Harry Truman. I mean, he had a foul mouth if he was enchanted. Or Dwight Eisenhower. Or even Kennedy or Nixon. Because they were men of a different era, they were men of a John Wayne era. Today's men, a lot of men today, even men in powerful positions, especially men in journalism, they're softer – they're what a

friend of mine calls NPR men. They want to know about your feelings. Whether you're enchanted. If I did a piece about you Bill, for my website or for a magazine, and I said 'Bill what is it that enchants you?' You'd punch me in the head."

O'Reilly: *"I don't know what that means... I know what the enchanted forest is..."*

Goldberg: *"It's the kind of question that fits our metrosexual times, if you know what I mean."*

O'Reilly: *"I agree, it was a softball question."*