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President Bush Wanders Onto NBC Set

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George W. Bush was interviewed live on NBC by Bob Costas just a few hours ago. A short but wide-ranging interview, the President covered China’s human rights record (“America better remain engaged”), China and religion (“once religion takes hold in a society it can’t be stopped”), Georgia (“I was very firm with Vladimir Putin”), Sudan (“Joey Cheek has just got to know that I took the Sudanese message [to the Chinese government] for him”), and doping in sports.

The interview was enormously casual—to Costas’s question if Hu Jintao was “receptive” to Bush’s message on Sudan, Bush responded “It’s hard to tell.”

For a full transcript, see here, or watch below.

It’s unclear from the interview whether Bush ever did his assigned reading, but we’re guessing not.

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