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## Questions for Obama

Will you immediately release all the records of the Annenberg Challenge to Stanley Kurtz? Will you hold a press conference and take any and all questions on the Annenberg Challenge?

You have spoken of your community organizing efforts when it came to helping people hold onto their homes and helping them retrain for jobs. Could you produce 12 people to vouch for this?

[From what I have read, Obama's community organizing had a lot more to do with registering more people to vote Democrat than anything

else; it appears as though he worked under the auspices of ACORN].

## TV this Week

O'Reilly Continues his interview with Barack Obama (parts 2–4) on FoxNews 8pm EST or 5pm and 8pm Pacific Time this week (Monday through Wednesday).

Part I:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJH2n4aFEhA>



## Quote of the Week

"My understanding is that, uh, Governor Palin's town of Wasilly [sic] has, uh, 50 employees, uh, uh, we've got 2,500, uh, in this campaign. I think their budget is maybe \$12 million a year. Uh, uh, we have a budget of about three times that just for the month. Uh, so I think that, uh, our ability to manage large systems, uh, and to, uh, execute, uh, I think has been made clear over the last couple of years." --Barack Obama, when asked whether Sarah Palin has more executive experience than he does. Obama neglects to

compare his most recent *executive* experience to her more recent executive experience as governor of Alaska. Obama neglects to mention that he makes very few personnel or financial decisions with respect to his campaign (which is typical of all candidates and their campaigns).

## Quote of the Week #2

Obama finally clearly admitted in a Bill O'Reilly interview, that the surge succeeded beyond *everyone's wildest dreams*.

Saran Palin comments on Obama's epiphany: *Just last night Senator Obama finally broke and brought himself to admit what all the rest of us have known for quite some time, and that's: thanks to the skill and valor of our troops, the surge in Iraq has succeeded. Senator Obama said that the surge, quote, "succeeded beyond our wildest dreams. I think," said Senator Obama, "that the surge has succeeded in ways that nobody anticipated." I guess when you turn out to be profoundly wrong on a vital national security issue, maybe it's comforting to pretend that everyone else was wrong, too..*

## Quote of the Week #3

From Fred Thomson's speech: *Now our opponents tell you not to worry about their tax increases. They tell you they are not going to tax your family. No, they're just going to tax "business"! So unless you buy something from a "business", like groceries or clothes or gasoline ... or unless you get a paycheck from a big or a small "business", don't worry ... it's not going to affect you. They say they are not going to take any water out of your side of the bucket, just the "other" side of the bucket! That's their idea of tax reform.*

The rest of the text of his speech:

<http://cbs4denver.com/nationalpolitics/fred.thompson.speech.2.808815.html>

## Vids of the Week

Sarah Palin's Acceptance Speech:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKgNrb3baNM>

As an MP3 file:

[http://portal.gopconvention2008.com/filelibrary/audio/090308\\_palin.mp3](http://portal.gopconvention2008.com/filelibrary/audio/090308_palin.mp3)

Text of the speech:

<http://portal.gopconvention2008.com/speech/details.aspx?id=38>



Fred Thompson's RNC speech (27 minutes; it is outstanding):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0sYZZYw7-U>

Joe Lieberman's RNC speech (21 minutes; if there were more Democrats like Joe, I would vote Democratic now and again—okay, I know he is officially an independent right now):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VILQDCKD0c>

Obama's approach to making America safe is to disarm us. Here is Obama with the entire speech:

<http://macsmind.com/wordpress/2008/06/08/obama-wants-to-protect-america/>

A great Ford commercial:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkNznloboho>

Finally, this is hilarious; I don't care who you are:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKi9tOBaNPA&NR=1>

If you don't like McCain/Palin, maybe the other female candidate, Gunderson, you would have preferred:

<http://hmatkin.blogspot.com/>

(If it does not come right up, choose McCain/Gundeston08).

You may or may not like this one; it is not for the kids:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sklZfIDs9Y>

Rush Limbaugh on Neil Cavuto's Program:

[http://mfile.akamai.com/5020/wmv/rushlimb.download.akamai.com/5020/tv\\_archives/RushFox090408.asx](http://mfile.akamai.com/5020/wmv/rushlimb.download.akamai.com/5020/tv_archives/RushFox090408.asx)

## Predictions

If Stanley Kurtz can ever get the Annenberg Challenge materials on Obama released, it is going to end up being a bigger firestorm than Reverend Wright.

Real people are going to become so disgusted with the media's attack on Sarah Palin, that they will sharply reduce their viewing of news providers who go after her personally—if she survives the first 2 weeks of attacks. If Oprah does not have Sarah on her show (which would be the highest rated show of Oprah history), her viewership is going to experience a sharp downturn over the next month [several days after I wrote this, at least one large group is calling for their members to turn Oprah off].

There will emerge on the internet a comic strip which portrays Palin's family (or a family like Palin's) as trailer trash. They will live in a trailer in Alaska and be regular guests on the Jerry Springer show (is that still on?). Of course, it will feature their pregnant daughter and their retarded son (although it will be difficult to distinguish him from the rest of the family, which is going to be part of the *humor*). They will be all holy rollers and one strip will be about them trying to get Alaska to secede from the union. Oh, the older son will be a Bible thumping, and killer of anything and anyone who looks different from him.

Any day now, there are going to be hundreds of people that Obama, the community organizer, helped retrain and helped to get jobs and helped them to keep their houses, etc. etc. etc. who are going to stand up and be counted and say, "This is what Obama did for me!" He was a state senator for 8 years, so, any day now, people from all over his district are going to stand up and proclaim, "I lived in Barack's district for these 8 years, and he was such a wonderful man. Let me tell you all of the things which he did for us." JAJ (just a joke).

The McCain/Palin dynasty will continue for the next 12–16 years. That is not a joke.

Let me give you a *maybe* prediction: in a month, Palin will challenge Obama to a debate, saying, "You ducked my running mate's challenge all

summer; are you man enough to debate a woman?"

Let me pass along a fascinating prediction made by both Rush and a guy at church (I don't think he is able to listen to Rush during work): Obama will put Clinton on the ticket. Biden will have some sort of an emergency and he will bow out of the race, and Hillary will take his place. It is an interesting thought. Obama cannot fire Biden, because how can the messiah—with perfect judgment—make a mistake as to pick the wrong VP? The only problem with this is, *how do you get Biden to go along with it?*

[A disclaimer: I do not have the gift of prophecy—no one does at this time—but these are reasonable predictions based upon the political climate and being able to read the historical trends of the day]

## Observation of the Week

The economic news you are told to focus on is, unemployment is now 6.1% Didn't the Democrats recently pass a bill which included extending unemployment benefits? What affect do you think that bill had on the unemployment numbers? Right, they increased. Does the mainstream news draw this connection? Of course not; it is Bush's fault!

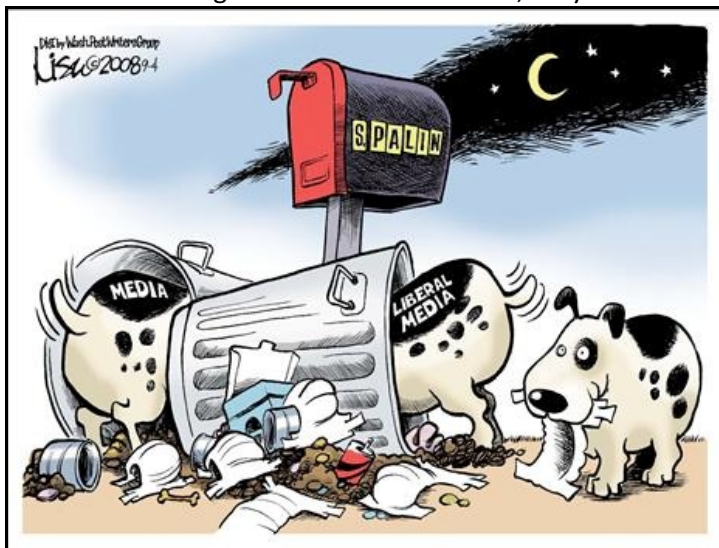
## Observation of the Week #2

You know that Palin is a choice which has severely angered the Democrats and their cheerleaders, also known as the media.

I have had 2 immediate emails from liberal friends who do not often email me, one of them pointing out, *see, abstinence only* does not work.

The media is going after this 17 year-old kid, doing everything in their power to put a burden on her, because of what she did and because her mother is running for vice president. The media has even asked questions like, *how can she run for vice president with a Down's Syndrome baby?* It is as if her husband and her children are not there in supportive roles; it is as if the White House is low on staff, and the raising of this baby is somehow going to be neglected if Palin runs for McCain's veep.

The drive-by media is scared, and they want to attack and destroy this woman in any way that they can. If it takes attacking her 17 year old daughter and casting aspersions on her character for bringing a Down's Syndrome baby to term and raising him in the White House, they will do it.



## Observation of the Week #3

I have been trying to put my finger on why Palin has the media and the Democratic party so up in arms, and I think the key is, *the excitement factor*. Up until now, Obama has had the excitement factor. Had the election occurred a few months ago, he might have beat anyone. If you noticed at the DNC, there was no silence; there was either a speech or there was music. Music

introduced each speaker, and music signed them off. It was a nonstop onslaught, and they kept their delegates and viewers fully charged.

Then along came Sarah, and her very real-ness has energized and excited both the faithful and the undecided's.

## Missing Headlines

Even though it is news that McCain got more viewers than Obama did; and even though it is news that Palin got as many viewers as Obama did (and on fewer channels); and even though Obama does not have an unreachable percentage of the youth vote, were any of these headlines on your front page this week?

**McCain/Palin Numbers Beat Obama/Biden**

or

**More People Watch McCain**

or

**Palin Viewers Match Obama's**

or

**Obama's Lead in Youth not that Lopsided**

All of these are big stories, but they do not support the liberal news bias.

**Come, let us reason together....**

## Palin has no Experience?

When Sarah Palin was added to McCain's ticket, this energized his party. I have heard lots of people from all over, who were going to vote for McCain, probably, but were not too excited about it. Now they are excited.



I listen to too much talk radio, and I have heard a few phone calls from people who say, "I am a lifelong conservative, but I just think that this is the wrong choice and I am going to vote for Obama." There seem to be these *lifelong conservatives* who periodically call up various talk shows and say how they are voting for Obama because of Bush and now because of Palin. It is so sad. All they have to do is say who they really are and most talk show hosts will engage them in a discussion.



Anyway, about the experience thing—this is McCain playing chess. Obama made a political and personal choice in choosing Biden (the right choice was Hillary) so McCain made a political and personal choice (since he could not choose Lieberman).

Here is how this chess move works for McCain. The strong conservative base has a few problems with McCain, since he could, at any point in time, align himself with the Democrats on some fool idea like McCain-Feingold. Conservatives are reassured with Palin, and the fact that both of them are fiscally conservative. This also energizes his supporters. He may get out a higher percentage of conservatives than he would have

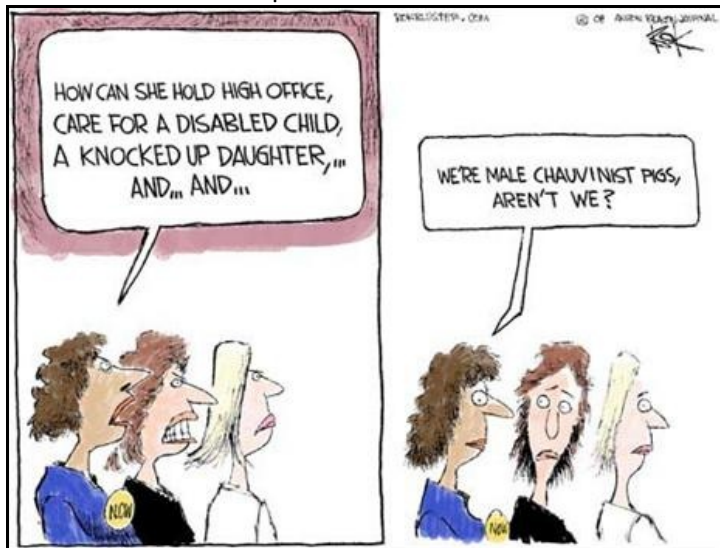
otherwise. However, this is the slick part: most conservative Republicans are going to vote for McCain, as most of us believe that government is a necessary evil, and the less government, the better. That fits in well with McCain. Liberal Democrats will vote for Obama, of course, because they believe that government solves all problems and, the more we tax the rich, the better off we will be. But this election, like every other election, is decided by independents. And here is where the liberal pundits have fallen into McCain's trap. Many independents and moderates are just starting to pay attention to the election. They aren't political junkies like you and I are. So, they see these various newscasters and pundits talk about Palin's lack of experience. Then they find out that Obama has even less experience and that he has no experience running a business nor does he have any experience in an executive position. And he is the top guy on his ticket; Palin is #2 on McCain's. Set and match. McCain doesn't have to spend much money talking about Obama's experience; every liberal pundit and mainstream newscaster will end up, unintentionally, doing this for him.

Then the independent or moderate voter hears Palin attacked for having no foreign policy experience, so they check into Obama's foreign policy experience. He keeps it under wraps that he lived in Indonesia as a kid, so his foreign policy experience is, he went to Iraq and to Germany and talked to 200,000 screaming world citizens. Again, set and match, McCain-Palin.

Another approach is to go after meaningless stuff, as Obama went after McCain's houses (which are mostly his wife's investments, not his). They have been trying this out. Palin's daughter is pregnant, she is going to have the baby, and marry the father. That is a non-starter, and it brings out Obama's quote, "I don't want my daughter to be punished with a baby!"

## Why Do Feminists Hate Palin?

I know 5 or 6 very liberal women. You could hold a gun to their heads and they would not vote Republican. They don't like Sarah Palin. If Sarah becomes our next VP and then our next president (which I believe will be the case), this will not be a source of pride to them. To their unaborted daughters, they'll say, "Dear, you can be whatever you want to be; just don't be Sarah Palin." Will they warm up to her? I'm optimistic; I think that about half of them will, after she is elected president; however, this one is too tough even for me to call. These women are pretty hard and quite indoctrinated.



Two of them have told me that McCain chose Palin to take the Clinton supporters. How silly! The percentage I see her taking from former Clinton supporters—about 20% (and I heard a commentator give the same guess the other night). Where Palin is going to clean up is, with the other women (more on that in the next story).

There have been several kinds of feminists over the years. The first incarnation of the most radical taught that there were no differences between men and women beyond their obvious

physical disparities and their socialization. There are not many of these left.

Then we have the far-left feminists who grudgingly admit, "Well, yes, maybe there are differences between men and women" but they have taken two positions: they are liberals first, and women second. They are abortionists first, and women second.

Palin is hated because she represents most women, which are not found in either of these groups (the second group being significant, nonetheless). Obviously, she represents women on the right, who may or may not see themselves as liberated, who may or may not see themselves as feminists.

NOW (the National Organization of Women) is not looking to promote women to any and all positions. They are looking to promote women with the correct beliefs to any and all positions. They are liberals and abortionists first, and liberated women second. This is simple to prove—our military intervention in Iraq and Afghanistan is going to liberate millions of women. For at least one or two generations, there will be women who can become educated and make some of their own decisions. This is unimportant to NOW and other similar organizations; the Iraq War was Bush's war for oil



and he lied to everyone, and even if the status of women in that country is changed, it still does not make the war right. Do you need additional proof? Who are the women endorsed as candidates by NOW? They are *only* Democrats. <http://www.nowpacs.org/2008/profiles.html> Liberals first, feminists second.

double-speaking lawyer who will tell you what you want to hear; she is going to tell you how she feels to your face and behind your back. She is not two-faced. She is moderately attractive, but not drop-dead gorgeous so as to make women jealous. She has a great looking family and a fantastic husband. Most women are not mad at

her because she brought her baby to term. Most women realize that whatever mistakes her eldest daughter made, that is a private matter for the family to deal with.

Most importantly, this is a liberated woman that they can relate to. She does not hate men, she does not believe in promiscuity, she does not believe in abortion, she goes to church, and she is not part of some ultra-feminist movement. She simply does what she wants to do, and her husband is secure enough in his manhood and in their relationship, to be relegated to *first dude*. To most women, whether they are submissive to their husbands or not, Palin represents what feminism is really about.

When the press and feminists viciously attack Palin for personal matters, this pisses them off. Moderate women are interested in Palin's record and experience and even in the so-called *trooper-gate*; but the personal attacks struck a nerve with them. When Dowd and Steinem make sexist attacks against Palin, these moderate women identify with Palin, and not with angry feminists. If anything, they are emotionally on Palin's side from the start.

For the majority of women, they value their families and their freedom. They may or may not go to church. They are not really sure how closely they want to be attached to the so-called women's movement. However, they like the idea that there is no ceiling, and that is what Sarah Palin represents to them. That's why a majority of women will vote for Palin.



## The *Other* Women and Palin

Sarah Palin appeals very strongly to moderate women simply because they are moderate women. They have not been sucked into hyper-feminism (feminists with strong liberal leanings or strongly pro-abortion feminists).

Palin represents a woman who is real and who is able to have a marriage and children and who is able to have a significant career. She does what she wants to do, and yet appears to have a wonderful family life as well. Like likes to hunt, fish, camp, serve on the PTA, and now she is involved in politics. These moderate women do not necessarily want to do all of those things, but they like having all of the options open to them. Palin is, first and foremost, real. She is not a



## Comparison of the Conventions

Palin's speech was viewed by about 37,000,000, Obama's by 38,000,000. She was on 6 stations, Obama was on 10.

The signs at the Democratic convention were very well-coordinated and expensive. Those at the RNC were often homemade and often reflected some regional dynamics (for instance, once group wore hats, another waved orange rags or something).

The music at the DNC was non-stop. The moment a person stop speaking, the music went on; many people have theme songs like wrestler's do. There were some live performers here and there sprinkled in the RNC, but no theme songs, and, although there was some music here and there, it was not non-stop.

The teleprompter at the DNC worked flawlessly. The teleprompter fouled up during Palin's speech and during Giuliani's. From what I understand, it kept going, instead of pausing for the applause. I do not know the extent of this, however—whether this rendered the teleprompter unusable for Palin and Giuliani or not.

The pledge of allegiance text was available at the DNC; it was not needed at the RNC.

The speeches at the RNC seemed to come from a different country if not a different planet than those presented at the DNC. I don't know if it seemed this way to Democrats or not.

I thought, at the DNC, that Hillary gave the best speech; and Bill's and Obama's were about equal. None of the others did much for me, except for Kucinich's, which was the most entertaining.

I loved Fred Thompson's speech at the RNC, and enjoy Lieberman's. Palin hit a home run. If you

watched the late night TV jokes, the mainstream approach to Palin, she seemed to be a completely different person than the Palin who is the Republican VP nominee.

## More Obama and Ayers

I think that this story is going to be big, if it gets out. There's a lot more to this than Obama knowing Ayers and enlisting his help to get elected. Obama is already working the lawyer angle here. They worked on a government project (Annenberg Challenge) together which involved a whole lot of grant money (\$50 million). There are a boatload of files here (*132 boxes containing 947 file folders with 70 linear feet of material*) and it was quite difficult to get them released to the public, even though they are public files.

\$50 million is a lot of money; it will be interesting to see exactly how it was dispersed.

70 linear feet of material sounds like a lot to me, and when records are kept, people find it easiest to hide problematic documents in an ocean of documents. What may be hidden may not be in these documents, but there may be all of these documents to hide something else.

The idea behind this grant was, to improve public education in Chicago. The programs and the philosophy behind these programs should be quite interesting as well. Someone may need to go outside of these files in order to find out what programs were actually put into place.

Quite obviously, this means that Ayers was more than someone that Obama ran into now and again in Chicago, but I think that this is the least important aspect of this story.

<http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=MTgwZTVmN2QyNzk2MmUxMzA5OTg0ODZlM2Y2OGI0NDM=>

I think that this story is going to be big; Reverend Wright big.

## Katrina Version 2.0

I have never seen any national disaster so politicized as Katrina, the hurricane which ripped through New Orleans and not just topped their levees, but broke through as well. The condition of the levees was the primary reason New Orleans was a disaster under Katrina. No one on the local level and no one on the federal level knew that the levees would be completely compromised (if they had just been over-topped, the magnitude of the disaster would have been far, far less than what occurred.

I have witnessed first-hand what was done in Houston for the victims of Katrina (we were not allowed to call them victims; we were instructed to call the *guests*). FEMA had a money booth where people stood in line and got money. That was FEMA's primary function. The further removed a government entity is from the problem, the less effective that entity is going to be under any administration. The primary functions to deal with our guests were a combination of volunteer help, charitable organizations, and local government programs. We took in 200,000 people in Houston and absorbed them into the community in approximately a month. Some of the things which happened subsequent to this (people who had the ability to work, but continued to receive housing and welfare) was pathetic. But, the organization and efficiency of our governmental institutions here combined with our private sector was quite amazing. There were far too many volunteers. My primary job was simply to go out amongst our guests and chat with them. Honest.

Then we had Rita knocking at our door soon thereafter. Our major and governor were on television here for what seemed like 24 hours a

day (Shirley Jackson Lee also, if memory serves, scoped out the camera angles, so we got to see her as well). They devised an evacuation plan, and required certain areas to evacuate. It wasn't quite like clockwork, as people were on the road for as long as 20 hours and many ran out of gas. However, gas was delivered to a number of people while they were on the road (I think this was a local governmental function?).

I think Houston's major is a Democrat; I really don't know, as I don't vote in the Houston election. However, no one blamed anyone; they worked together like adults; and they developed plans and approaches together.

When Gustav threatened the gulf coast, 5 Republican governors of the threatened states joined forces and worked out a plan. Who evacuated to where, and what do we do for these people once they get there. Ray Nagin, Democratic major of New Orleans, now and during Katrina, seemed to work seamlessly as well with the governors. The police were told to deal with their families and then report back for duty. Before, Nagin just cut them loose. Then, buses were brought in to evacuate those without transportation. Before, we saw photos of buses just sitting there, surrounded by water, unused. This time, buses and bus drivers with routes and destinations were gathered. This time, Nagin did exactly what he should have done. He rose to the occasion and did an excellent job, as did the 5 Republican governors.

In defense of Bush, Nagin and Blanco, New Orleans had never been evacuated before. A hurricane of this magnitude had not hit New Orleans head on before. The levees had never been that severely compromised before.

Blanco was interview recently, and she was still pointing her finger at Bush, blaming him. Glad she is no longer the Louisiana governor.

All the resultant finger-pointing was pathetic; however, this time around, Bush and Nagin learned from their mistakes, and Louisiana's governor Bobby Jindal handled this like a pro, putting any political aspirations aside to deal with this problem, passing on speaking at the RNC, and dealing with Gustav head on.

We make mistakes and we learn from our mistakes; that is a good thing for the Republicans and Democrats involved here.



## Palin's Pregnant Kid

I would hope that this would be none of our business, but the mainstream media is not going to treat this private matter that way. The mainstream media has already picked out and coronated their candidate, and, all of a sudden, this upstart Palin comes along and changes the entire dynamic of the election. On the far, far left, you have weird and imaginative musings which I will ignore. On the left, in the media, they will try to keep bringing this story up by saying, *what does this teach about abstinence-only teaching?* They are going to pound the drums on this as long as they think they can get away with it.

And, in case you don't think there is some sort of bias in the media, when Palin was announced as McCain's VP, on MSNBC, underneath video of this story, they had the line, *How many houses does this make for the Republican ticket?*

Would conservatives do that same thing? I hope not; at least not those in the media. Al Gore's son, when Al Gore was running for president, had 4 drunk driving tickets—do you recall this being made an issue at any time by any conservative Republican? Of course not. No talk show radio host and no tv pundit ever spoke of it.

Obama got it right when he said, "Family members are off limits."

## Is Obama a Bad Man?

I think that Obama is a confused man, but not necessarily a bad guy. He has been brought up with a lot of liberal notions about the government being the solution to many of our problems, and he has bought into this, despite his own life, the life of his wife Michelle, and that of Joe Biden. All 3 of them have compelling biographies which reveal just how great this country is. Government was not required to give them a leg-up; had government had no part in the lives of these 3, I can guarantee you, they would have been successful in their endeavors. It is called the value of hard work and determination. All 3 of them had things which stood in their way; all 3 of them made mistakes; and all 3 of them overcame these things to become successful. That does not happen by government.

Furthermore, government cannot *give* anyone the American dream. We saw this recently when a bill was signed into law by Clinton to extend home ownership to those who had sucky credit. It may have sounded great on paper—let everyone have a slice of the pie and their own house. However, it did not work out as planned.

Obama is not bad; he is not evil. He is simply mistaken in his political notions that big government solves more problems than it creates.



## My Mistaken Notion

I suggested elsewhere that McCain ought to both name his VP, and his cabinet at the same time ( I don't believe that I made this suggestion on the pages of this ezeen). This very topic was debated on FoxNews and, I must admit, I was wrong.

On the Republican side, everything that is done will be scrutinized. As we have seen with Palin, even if her daughter is pregnant outside of marriage, that will become an issue on even the main media. You present a large cabinet to the public, and every single thing that these men and women have done will be made public, which can detract from the ticket rather than add.

Secondly, when we elect a president, we are electing a man whose judgment we believe that we can trust. Therefore, we trust that he knows what he is doing when he appoints his cabinet members.

Thirdly, presenting several cabinet members at the same time that Palin is presented, either steals her thunder or, suggests that she is not good enough to be the Vice President, so what is being offered up is her backup and support system.

## My Shortcomings in Evaluating Palin

For me, there is a lot which is cut and dried about politics. A person's views are important to me, their experience, and whether or not their views and their actions line up. There are certain values and certain approaches to problems which are, to me, logical; and, I am of the mistaken notion that, you simply confront the opposition with the facts, with a calm, rational approach to your areas of disagreement, and some might be won over.

The weakness of my approach is, *identity politics*, where a candidate, regardless of his or her beliefs, connects viscerally and emotionally with his followers, as Obama has done, almost unlike any other politician in my lifetime since John Kennedy. I have to admit, I have a hard time relating to this. Going to see a politician and swooning or thinking I have seen the deliverance for all my ills, is hard for me to relate to. I have never been moved by Obama, so I have a hard time relating to his appeal.

Now, I did have a visceral reaction to McCain; of the reasonable 5 Republican candidates for president, he was my least favorite, and, to be honest, I really did not know why. However, after listening to him and comparing his words and his deeds, he won me over, but not with much excitement.

Palin has been different. When I saw her speak when McCain first introduced her, I had an emotional reaction. She seemed real. She was not a lawyer, not a professional politician, not a person who has spent her life in politics. She just lived a real life.

This identity has impacted and energized Republicans and independents both. Women, who are not indoctrinated with big government fixes everything philosophies, look at Palin and they see themselves. They are represented. Identity politics. This does not mean she will be a great vice president; but, for one of the few times since, Reagan, we have a person who connects directly with the people (or a significant portion of them).

Now, still, I would hate to have someone on our ticket who was just a pretty face, just a person who picked up votes; I want a person with substance, a person with the right ideas, and someone who is going to endeavor to do what she says she will do. I think we have that in Sarah Palin. Or, as Michelle Obama once said, "I think that hope is making a comeback."



## US Weekly Looks at Palin

You may or may not be aware of the latest US Weekly, which has a photo of Sarah Palin holding her baby with the headline *Babies, Lies and Scandal*. A recent front page cover was devoted to Michelle and Barack Obama, who are shown in two photos together on the cover, with the headline, *Why Barack Loves Her*.

The online version of this story, talks about Sarah Palin and political opponent Lyda Green and a

shock jock, the latter of whom was speaking to Palin, and, during the show, the jock called Green a cancer, a bitch and ridiculed her for her weight (Green is a cancer survivor). When asked about Palin being selected as McCain's VEEP, Green said, "I wish there had been more vetting."

Then the *shocking pregnancy* of Palin's 17 year old daughter is mentioned, and Palin's views on abortion (even in cases of rape).

Here is the rest of the story:

*In the wake of the announcement about Bristol, questions have begun to arise about the governor's candor and McCain's judgment (The New York Times reported that McCain's camp vetted Palin only the day before her selection was announced.*

[This is a lie, by the way; the vetting process began 6 weeks ago]

*"It's conceivable a 17-year-old girl just screwed the GOP," Democratic strategist George Lakoff tells Us Weekly.*

*Though hailed by many family-values supporters for standing by her daughter during her difficult time, Barbara Belknap, former president of the National Organization of Women's Juneau chapter, is less glowing: "Here's a textbook case of how abstinence - only doesn't work in practice, even if your mom's the governor."*

*Check out the latest issue of Us Weekly, available Wednesday, for more on the bizarre and false conspiracy and photos that led to the governor's stunning admission about her teenage daughter, what Palin is like as a person, and why Bristol's high school sweet Levi Johnston may not be ready for fatherhood.*

The link leads to another story about the boyfriend of Palin's daughter, with the headline, "I don't want kids."



Several quotes are taken from this boy's MySpace page where he uses the F-word several times.

Next link takes us to *Bristol Palin's Baby Daddy Identified*.

One paragraph from that story:

*Rumors have been swirling on the Internet that Palin faked her most recent pregnancy to cover up for Bristol, and that Trig, who has Down syndrome, is actually her grandchild.*

Just in case you did not know, this was the story line from last year's *Desperate Housewives* season, and some idiot on a blog decided, "Hey, this is probably what happened in the case of Sarah Palin and her daughter." This has then been reported on almost every single television station, in *US Weekly*, and I am sure, it has found its way to dozens of newspapers across the land.



At what point did the lame and stupid ramblings of bloggers, without enough intelligence to think of their own story line, is reported as if it is some kind of news?

*US weekly* is generally about couples. Palin's husband of 25 years is not mentioned. As best as possible, Palin's family and acquaintances are portrayed as trailer trash.

How long until some imaginative blogger suggests, "Maybe Governor Palin took her shotgun over to Bristol's boyfriend and said, 'You need to marry my daughter, dirtbag.'" and we will later be treated to rumors about that on every television station.

Okay, I took that too far. I doubt that will be posted on any blog. It was not in the plotline for *Desperate Housewives* or any other television show this season, so stupid bloggers won't be able to think this up on their own.

An editor for *Us Weekly* was just on *FoxNews*, and he claimed to Megan Kelly that the story in *US Weekly* gives a fair and balanced look at Governor Palin. The quotes I took are directly from their website and make up about 80% of the 3 stories found on the website. There was absolutely no balance whatsoever. The editor who defending *US Weekly* said that the lies applied to things being said about Palin on the Internet. This is not what the cover suggests, nor is this what the article online suggested. There was no language along the lines of, "One of the lies about Palin being spread across the Internet is..."

Megan Kelly gets in their face:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wJik26tDmE>

## Sarah's Friends/Obama's Friends

Already, I have read one blog by someone who knew Sarah. I have seen one person who liked how things were going in Wasilla and decided to walk over to the governor's mansion and meet her, and they have been friends since then. I have seen a high official in Alaska speak about Palin. My guess is, you could get several thousand people from Alaska, many of whom know or have met Sarah, or have lived under her mayorship or governorship, and have things to

say. I would guess that most of these things are positive. The two people I saw on tv last night were bubbling with enthusiasm for her.

Obama spent many years as a professor; where are his students who speak of how much he inspired them? Where are his students who are willing to share the knowledge that he imparted to them? Obama worked as a community organizer, and he has spoken about helping people keep their houses or getting retrained when they lost their job. Where are these people? Why don't I hear them giving their testimonies? Obama has a hard time reaching the working class voter; testimonies from two dozen people whom Obama helped with their job or home would be important testimonies. In this election, where the average working Joe wants to know their president is working for them, such testimonies would be powerful. Obama was a state senator and he was reelected. Where are the many testimonies from his constituents who want to tell us all that he has done for them?

## Trooper-Gate

This does not appear to be a difficult *scandal* to sort through. There is an Alaskan trooper, once related to the Palin's by marriage, who has made threats against members of her family. This behavior is unprofessional for a law enforcement officer and Palin believes that this man needs to find himself another line of work. If threats were not made, obviously, that would be a different thing.

### Obama and the Media Attacks on Palin

Obama has clearly stated that these attacks by the media against Palin for members of her family was honorable. If this continues, Obama ought to personally condemn the media for these attacks. However, he most certainly did the right thing here.

## The Media Screws Itself

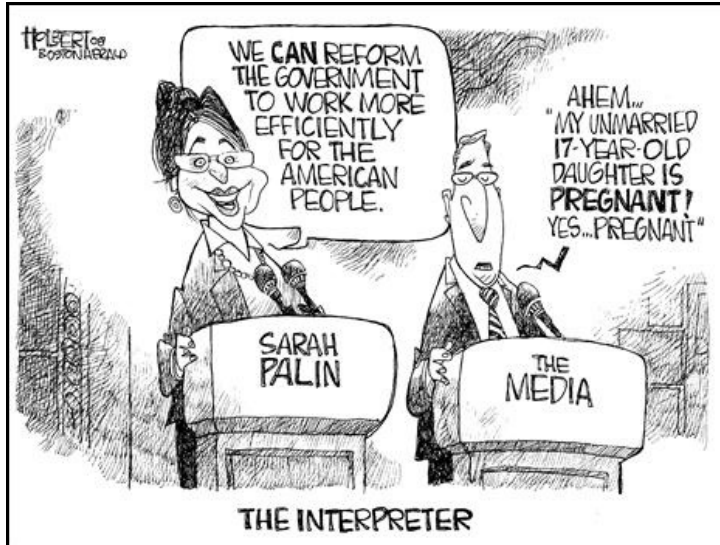
So, have you ever gotten mad at someone and told them, "Go screw yourself!" (or words to that effect). The mainstream media has taken this exhortation to heart (I am talking about ABC, NBC, CBS, MSNBC, CNN, and almost every newspaper in America). Those on the left, with such noticeable exceptions like Juan Williams (NPR and FoxNews) and Kristen Powers (FoxNews), have tried to pretend that the news is generally fair and balanced out there, and that only FoxNews shows a real bias. This past week changed all that. After Sarah Palin had been introduced in one forum as McCain's pick for VP (at a time designed to shut down Obama buzz from his speech the night before), the media hammered away at Palin as no woman had been hammered before, including Hillary.

Most of you know that her 17 year old daughter is pregnant, many of you have seen photos of her (not shown with her family, but alone) with headlines about her being pregnant. Braver left-wing media have questioned whether Palin ought to be doing anything but dealing with all of her family's *scandals* or *responsibilities* (which includes giving birth to baby with Down's syndrome).

We've never seen this before. We have never seen a woman's ability to take care of her family questioned before and we have never had any details about a minor's private life and mistakes before (quick, tell me one thing about any of Chelsea's boyfriends over the years...just one thing). I know several far left women, and they do not see this as any sort of a bias, and the pregnant daughter and even Down's Syndrome baby have become their talking points. I doubt that these ideologues would admit to anything.

However, their opinions here don't matter. There are a lot of Americans out there who are not as ideologically bent. They may lean toward

one party or the other in general, but they have voted cross-ticket before. These moderates and independents have viewed these vicious attacks and they have taken notice. Many of them recognize that these media outlets are no longer providing them news (they do want to know something about Sarah Palin, good and bad). But they also recognize unfair, vicious attacks against Palin, and the media will lose these people as viewers and readers.



Over the past decade, the media outlets I have mentioned have been slowly and steadily losing their audience. They cite, "Well, you can get the same information on the internet, and that is who we are losing our audience to." Wrong. Audiences to FoxNews are growing. AM radio audiences are growing. Did you know more people watched FoxNews for their DNC coverage than watched MSNBC or CNN?

The media took the bait. They could have been classy and treated Palin with respect, and investigated her record and Trooper-gate and they could have interviewed Alaskans about living under Palin. In other words, they could have treated Palin like any other candidate and gone out to get background information on her, rather than on her family members. The media messed

up here and they are going to lose money because of it.

## More Proof of Media Bias

When Joe Biden was introduced as Obama's VP pick, one of the things he was lauded for deciding to stay with his election as a Senator (I believe that was the office at that time) after a wife and child had been killed in a car accident. If memory serves, he still had 3 children to raise *without a wife and without a clear support system in place while grieving for his family*. No one now and no one then questioned his ability to serve; the media did not have a frenzy saying, *how can this man possibly serve in the Senate after this tragedy?*

On the other hand, media types and feminists and columnists are all questioning whether Sarah Palin can raise her 5 children and be Vice President. It does not matter that she is married. It does not matter that her husband and she for years have learned how to work the family angle together; it does not matter that she has a large family who can pitch in. It does not matter that she might have some staff in the White House to help. None of these things are presented as mitigating factors.

Here is the real problem: she does not support a woman's right to kill her own baby/fetus and she is on the Republican ticket. Therefore, any attack is fair game.

## Slick Strategy

I had this pointed out to me: Palin isn't running against Biden. In fact, who's Biden? She's running against Obama.

When the VP debate occurs, there are going to be thousands of people watching this, wondering,

*where the hell is Obama? And, whose this old guy debating Palin? Where did he come from?*

Once Palin deals with some aggressive media types (she is in intensive training for that right now in her town hall meetings), look for her to challenge Obama to a debate. "You ducked McCain's challenge to meet for a series of town hall meetings this summer...maybe you will have enough nerve to debate a girl in the same format?"



## Links

The tale of the tape; Palin versus Obama:

<http://www.redstate.com/diaries/redstate/2008/aug/30/tale-of-the-tape-sarah-palin-vs-barack-obama/>

Another link about Sarah, her experience and what to expect:

[http://online.wsj.com/article\\_print/SB122004983609584755.html](http://online.wsj.com/article_print/SB122004983609584755.html)

What about Sarah's personal life, how bad is it, and what effect will it have in this election?

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0908/13062.html>

### Outstanding Palin links:

The Top 7 Lies and Myths about Sarah Palin:

<http://elections.foxnews.com/2008/09/05/top-7-myths-lies-and-untruths-about-sarah-palin/>

Great Michael Reagan commentary about Sarah Palin called, *Welcome back, Dad!*

[http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2008/09/welcome\\_back\\_dad.html](http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2008/09/welcome_back_dad.html)

Comments by someone who knew Sarah:

<http://heartkeepercommonroom.blogspot.com/2008/09/from-friend-from-wasilla.html>

Palin's famous "I don't know what a VP does"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CskI77iaF8k>

Why McCain passed over Paris Hilton for the VP slot:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56hXz\\_aE9So](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56hXz_aE9So)

MSNBC attacks Palin the moment she is named:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j239jGvfVrU>  
(Read the banner under McCain and Palin)

Krauthammer on McCain and Palin (brilliant as always):

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/09/04/AR2008090402845.html>

### Angry, anti-Palin links:

Maureen Dowd does not like Palin (now, that is front-page news in itself):

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/03/opinion/03dowd.html>

Steinem doesn't like her either:

<http://www.latimes.com/news/printedition/opinion/la-oe-steinem4-2008sep04,0,1290251.story>

Barbara Boxer calls Palin an *extremist*:

<http://cbs2.com/politics/barbara.boxer.harry.2.810500.html>

Sally Quinn does not like her either:

[http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/sally\\_quinn/2008/08/sarah\\_polin.html](http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/sally_quinn/2008/08/sarah_polin.html)

Here is the video of O'Reilly and Quinn sparing about Palin:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWAWByyk-fQ>

What I cannot find on the internet yet is, Sally Quinn went back on the Factor after Palin's speech and *actually changed her mind*...I spent 30 minutes looking for it, and it is not posted yet, not even on FoxNews.

## The Rush Section

### Palin: Religious Fanatic, Global Warming Denier

CALLER: Dittos from a 41-year-old white heterosexual middle class pro-life married police officer who loves hunting and eating meat.

RUSH: A member of the American minority, it's great to have you here.

CALLER: I'm calling from here on the high prairie. We could use a little of that global warming because I didn't even put my crops in this year, we had snow until June, and it started snowing again on September 1st. So, I hope it comes. But, Rush, I wanted to thank you for today's Morning Update because I watched MSNBC last night, more out of morbid curiosity than anything else, and Olbermann, Matthews, that group, just disgusting. I'm driving in to work today and I heard your Morning Update calling out those Drive-By hacks by name, assassin so-and-so, carpet-bomber so and so. Absolutely priceless. I was laughing so hard I had tears in my eyes, and I wanted to thank you for having the guts to do that and calling those jackals out by name.

RUSH: I've always believed that's what you do, name 'em. That's why I always read the byline on stories, read 'em, tell people who wrote this stuff because they deserve to know so the next time they read something by these people they'll have a little bit of perspective and context. I appreciate what you said, it's very nice. I'm glad you enjoyed it.

CALLER: Well, you know I was on the sidelines for this election because I didn't really have a candidate, but after seeing Sarah and also these hacks in the media, I sent in the largest donation I ever sent to any candidate and I betcha there's others that are going to do the same.

RUSH: Well, terrific. I'm glad you called. Thanks very much out there, Steve. I have, ladies and gentlemen, the text of today's Morning Update. You may not have heard it. Let me briefly run through it so that you are informed as to his call. Starts this way: Governor Sarah Palin's home-run acceptance speech sent chills of fear throughout the Democrat party and the Drive-By Media. Their war room launched a rapid response effort led by a special-forces team from the Associated



Press. AP sniper Dina Cappiello reported that the nickname for Sarah Palin among environmentalists-wackos is the "killa from Wasilla," because she has a philosophy of "cut, kill, dig and drill." Palin's chief environmental sin is that she doesn't buy into the man-made global warming hoax. AP stormtrooper Eric Gorski handled the religious attack, accusing Palin of hiding her true faith. "Sarah Palin often identifies herself simply as Christian," he wrote, "yet John McCain's running mate has deep roots in Pentecostalism, a spirit-filled Christian tradition that is one of the fastest growing in the world. It's often derided by outsiders and Bible-believers alike."

Do you think that AP stormtrooper Eric Gorski, when writing about Maryland representative Bob Wexler -- ahem, representing Florida, living in Maryland -- would ever write, "yet Mr. Wexler has deep roots in Judaism"? Do you think that would ever happen? Of course it won't happen. Sarah Palin, they can just impugn whatever they want. AP demolition specialist Ted Anthony was assigned the job of carpet bombing the family. He suggested that Palin's photo-ops with her children, even at the convention, "come across as contradictory: Hey, media, leave those kids alone -- so we [Republicans] can use them as we see fit"... is supposedly the message the Palins are sending. Veteran AP hit man Ron Fournier was called to defend the Drive-Bys blitzkrieg on Palin. "The media views its job as scrutinizing her background, helping voters determine her readiness to serve," he writes. No, Ron: It's clear to all your mission is to destroy her, as it is the mission of AP sniper Dina Cappiello, AP stormtrooper Eric Gorski, and AP demolition specialist Ted Anthony, all from the AP Special Forces team. Your effort is to destroy her, your purpose is to destroy her, and it will not happen this time.

Palin, global warming denier:

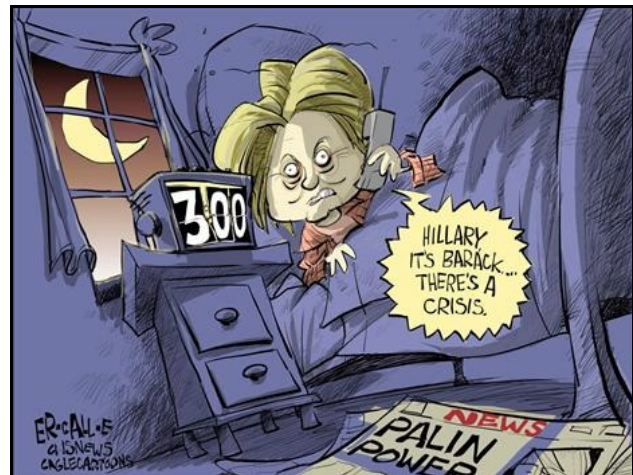
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Palin: Once a holy roller:

[http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5jCeGgS4vbVt6qpxTpahCgGn\\_R-dQD92VOKVG0](http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5jCeGgS4vbVt6qpxTpahCgGn_R-dQD92VOKVG0)

The Media: If her kids show up with Palin on tv, then we ought to be able to go after them:

<http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5gwVVaTDmEnfey52iYOpl3LBvxWAD92VKK000>



## Obama Puts Clinton on Ticket?

RUSH: Okay, folks, here's a chance for you to get it off your chest, everything you wanted to say about what's happened the last couple of weeks. If you think it hasn't been said, this is your chance, when we go to the phones on the program, Friday, the program content is yours, a tremendous, tremendous, unheard of career risk, taken by me, El Rushbo. This would be akin to Leno and Letterman letting a rank amateur from the audience come out and do a monologue or interview a couple guests, but I have total confidence and faith in you. 800-282-2882 the e-mail address, ElRushbo@eibnet.com.

I was on Greta Van Susteren at Fox last night just after midnight, she's been asking me all week, and I finally relented. We've got audio and video. It was on the phone so we have the audio posted at RushLimbaugh.com, but I told her, I said, "You know, the conventional wisdom here is never right, Greta, and I won't be surprised if somewhere down the road it's the Obama camp that thinks they need a new vice presidential running mate." "You really think they will just drop Biden?" I said, "No, it won't happen that way. There will be some tragic emergency that pops up or some such thing as that." Everywhere you look, this guy, he needs Hillary to help him out. This is in the New York Times: "Obama Camp Turns to Clinton to Counter Palin." It says here that Obama will "increasingly lean on prominent Democrat women," meaning the NAGs. Obama is going to go out and beg the NAGs to bail him out, including Oprah.

Have you heard about this? Oprah does not want Sarah Palin on her show. Half of Oprah's staff does want Sarah Palin on the show, but Oprah doesn't want her because she's conflicted, "Okay, the black guy or the girl?" She's in the tank for Obama of course, but she refused to have Clarence Thomas on during the period of time after his book came out. You know, I don't care what she does, I just think the bloom ought to be off the Oprah rose as well. By the way, her mother is being sued, \$156,000 in unpaid bills, clothing bills or something. Oprah Winfrey's mom has until September to respond to the lawsuit. What is it about these rich liberals that let their parents sit around and wallow in the mire, or their half-brothers? By the way, I got a new slogan for Pizza Hut, the new Kenyan pizza: Put a Pizza in Your Hut. So you've got Obama's brother living on \$12 a year over in a hut in Kenya, Oprah's mom, \$156,000 unpaid clothing bills, now in the middle of a lawsuit, and both of these two are wealthy liberal elitists. As I said, I don't care what Oprah does, but I think the bloom ought to be off her rose, too. This woman, she's a businesswoman, she's out there

supposedly trying to empower women through her show and so forth, and that's all BS just like all of feminism is BS.

So now Obama's gotta go out there and get the NAGs, and that's really going to work, that's falling right into our hands. This is a rope-a-dope times two, to bring the NAGs out there to campaign against Sarah Palin. Hillary, they want Hillary to come to Florida on Monday. It says here, Obama was "dispatching Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton to Florida on Monday and bolstering his plan to deploy female surrogates--" i.e., NAGs, "--to battleground states." By the way, NAGs for those of you new, National Association of Gals. Don't misunderstand. We're not making any other comment. We just think the National Organization for Women is bogus. They're not an organization for women. How many members they got now, 125,000? They never have had more than 250,000, they never have spoken for the whole female population, nor has Oprah. So I just call them the NAGs, National Association of Gals. So Obama is going to dispatch Hillary. Nobody dispatches Hillary. Hillary is sitting in Chappaqua looking at the security cameras, the spy cameras, see where Bill's been, all of a sudden gets a phone call from the Obama campaign, "We're dispatching you to Florida." "I'm not going to Florida, there's a hurricane coming in down there and I'm not going to be it."

"Mrs. Clinton's campaign event in Florida, her first for Mr. Obama since the Democratic convention, will serve as a counterpoint to the searing attacks and fresh burst of energy that Ms. Palin--" it's Mrs. Palin, New York Times, "--injected into the race with her convention speech on Wednesday, Obama aides said. With the McCain-Palin team courting undecided female voters--" Hey, who wrote this? Patrick Healy, Jeff Zeleny, you two guys gotta understand something: Sarah Palin courted us guys, too. Sarah Palin is courting Americans. We on the right, we don't groupify everybody. We don't do

this identity politics stuff. I'll tell you what, I knew Sarah Palin was talking straight to me when she was giving her speech. She was talking to Americans. Now, let's go to the second page of this story: "Advisers to Mrs. Clinton said that she stood ready to help the Obama-Biden ticket, but they urged the campaign not to overestimate the impact Mrs. Clinton could have." So the Clinton campaign has told Obama, "Don't think we can save you, buddy. Don't count us."

Clinton campaign advisors noted that "she had other commitments this fall, like campaigning and raising money for Senate candidates." "Sorry, Obama, I may not be able to squeeze you in here. I gotta raise money for myself and for Senate candidates." "Obama aides said the Clinton trip had been in the works before Ms. Palin was named the running mate." Yeah, right. Yeah, I'm buying that. So, they're worried out there in Obama land.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/05/us/politics/05dems.html>



[I just talked to someone else about this same possibility; Biden drops out due to some emergency and Obama looks to Clinton to fill out his ticket...interesting prediction. Obviously, Obama cannot just fire Biden and hire Clinton; that would look like me made a mistake the first

time....the problem, however, is how do you get Biden to play ball?].

### McCain Speech—Rush Yells at him only once

RUSH: Now, Mr. Snerdley wanted me to repeat for you what I said on Greta's show at midnight last night on Fox in analyzing McCain's speech. I did not have high expectations. McCain's not a great orator. I was hoping they could do something to keep the momentum from the previous night going, but they didn't.

Thank God the moderates that spoke last night were on during the football game. Oh, folks. The three of us are watching this, and during commercial breaks, we'd switch around, and I saw Lindsey Graham nesty, God love him, and the crowd was talking to itself, the same thing with Tom Ridge. I'm thinking thank goodness these guys are on now. Nothing against them, but I mean in terms of a show and so forth, there was tepid little applause. It was a blessing. As far as Senator McCain's speech, he is who he is. I only got mad one time. I really only got mad one time when he said, "I understand who I work for. I don't work for a party." I almost -- well, I did. I shouted at the TV. Can I tell you what I shouted? It's clean. I said, "Then why are you a Republican!" First time I've ever seen a party nominee rip his own party. But that's who McCain is. Some people think, "Rush, he had to do it, Bush isn't popular, Republican Party isn't popular," and I came to the same conclusion. This is Sarah Palin's party; it's Sarah Palin's future. Sarah Palin is the conservative movement. Sarah Palin is the one who unified the party, unified the convention, she'll keep that up, she's the reason there's energy, we know that, everybody knows it, the McCain camp knows it. So she's free to do what she's going to do, free as to what she's going to say, which frees McCain up to be who he is, go out and free up his precious moderates and so forth, so everything is fine. We're getting genuine. Nobody is acting in ways that they aren't.

It's insanity, folks, to expect somebody who's 72 years old to all of a sudden change and be somebody they're not going to be. So don't get frustrated over it. I got e-mails, "Rush, it was like somebody threw a wet blanket on the fire." Yeah, I know, but it wasn't, believe me. McCain's audience is higher. McCain was authentic. You may not like some of the things he said, but he was authentic. When he went off prompter and started talking about his experience in that prison cell, that led to the big crescendo ending that finally got the energy of this place back, and it ended on a bright note, it really did. And I'll tell you this. There are a lot of points that you could make about McCain's speech. We got the theme, and the theme was consistent throughout this convention, no matter who the speaker was: "Country first. I'll fight for you." They kept that theme going, and it resonated.

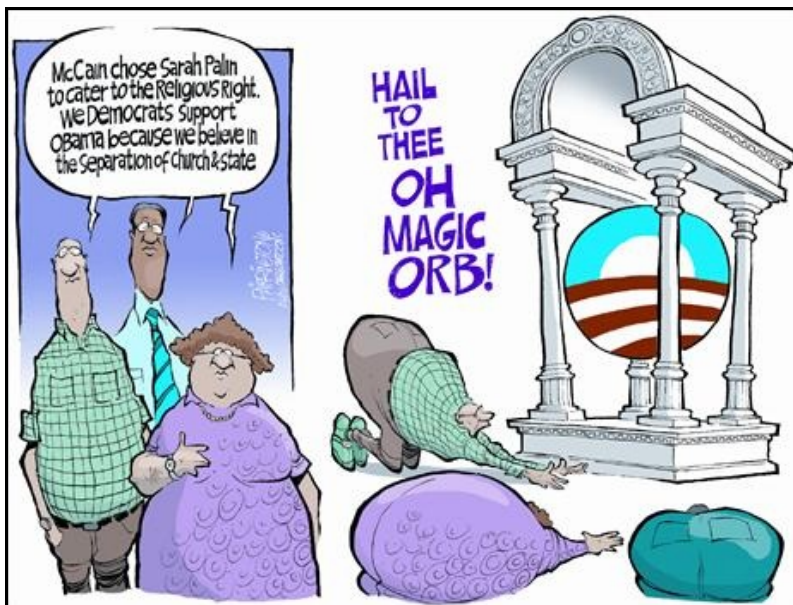
Now, one of the points that could be discussed about this is this beautiful explanation of the theme of his campaign, "Country First." As I said last night on Greta, "This could have been a bit of a trap, but only because Obama has not had the same life experiences of McCain." The differences in life experiences were laid bare last night. Obama doesn't have a thimbleful of life experience that he wants to share with us. This whole convention gave us rich, full American lives of meaning, confidence, accomplishment, achievement from both our nominees, McCain and Palin. They let out excerpts of the speech before he gives the speech. It's traditional. And when his theme of country first became known, this was the brilliant trap. This was the brilliant trap that they set. When the theme of country first became known, some of Obama's team said it was a slam. They walked right into the quicksand, because they think everything's about them. And Obama eventually got trapped personally, too. He thought McCain was attacking his patriotism. He was out there last night talking to reporters, saying that, a self-centered guy. This was on full display to me last night.

Obama's a typical Messiah, a young guy who really has had a pretty cushy, easy life, compared to McCain. He's a typical Baby Boomer, although he's not, he's a typical Boomer in the sense that everything revolves around him, everything is about him. He didn't stop for one second to think that John McCain wasn't even thinking about Obama last night. McCain was describing himself to the nation. McCain was telling us who he is. The contrast was so stark that old little Barry thought he was being attacked again. It was fabulous. This whole McCain speech, it had a story arc to it when the whole thing unfolded. It was about the journey of a man who started out as a me-first, totally focused on himself young guy like Obama, but he said this before. I mean, you could say it was to contrast himself with Obama, but you don't have to try to do that. When you're John McCain, the contrast is self-evident. It's stark. So he starts out as a me-first, hotshot fighter pilot, thought he was smarter, better, and tougher than anybody else, and then he learned how insignificant he is.

He learned how insignificant he was, and it was those five-and-a-half years in the prison that insignificance slapped him upside the head and when he really began to appreciate and love what his country was all about. He changed while he was a prisoner of war. He evolved. He went to the Hanoi Hilton as a McCain-first pilot, came out as an American-first man. I don't care how he delivered it, and I don't care, the performance aspect might have been low, but the words were penetrating, and they were from the heart and they were from the soul. And I guarantee you, they penetrated a lot of people, and it's something that just by virtue of fact, the contrast with McCain's story, as told by him, with Obama, and the story of himself he cannot tell, contrasted with Obama's selfish orientation, thinking everything is about him. McCain said for him that it started when he refused to go home before more senior prisoners when they offered him up as a PR ploy 'cause his dad was an

admiral. So when he refused to play the game, he said, "That's when they broke me."

Now, forgive me for being ignorant on this, I didn't know he broke. I thought he held tough for five-and-a-half years. He admitted last night they broke him. He went back to his hut afterwards broken, ashamed, and humbled, and that's when his fellow prisoners saved his life, he said. They fed him 'cause he couldn't feed himself. He was no longer McCain-first after that. He was an American first. As the result of his experiences he was humbled, he evolved. His life was changed forever. Now it's country-first. And this is not a slogan with him. Sometimes the way he puts country first infuriates us, but he puts country first. Obama made the typical, predictable, we're going to snare you in our little trap here. He made the mistake of a young, immature and arrogant man. Like McCain might have done before his experiences in the war, Obama thought country first was about him. Now, I can understand it because I understand the personality type of Barack Obama. (doing Obama impression) "There they go, they're challenging my patriotism again. I'm Barack Obama, they're challenging my patriotism." Why does he think that?



Let me ask you this. Why does he have to go to VFW conventions and tell them and assure them he loves the country? There must be some doubt. There must be some problem he's got here. Could it be that he goes to Berlin and criticizes the United States? Could it be that when a seven-year-old little girl asks him why he wants to be president, he criticizes his own country? Could it be he knows damn well he doesn't like the country as it is? Saul Alinsky didn't like it, Jeremiah Wright didn't like it, Bill Ayers didn't like it, they still don't like it, and that's who mentored this guy. So of course he's on the defensive because he was nailed even when he wasn't being talked about. He shoulda shut up. He shoulda not said a word. I think he also goofed up going on O'Reilly last night and calling a press conference after. Remember how they just tarred McCain, that would be a sign of such disrespect if he named his running mate before Obama gave his acceptance speech. And there's Obama last night. We know who this guy is. This whole McCain acceptance speech wasn't even directed at Obama, except when McCain lavished him with praise. But it does help to bring the differences of these two guys into focus.

When Obama's people, after they got wind of what McCain was gonna say, when Obama's people accused McCain of calling Obama's patriotism into question, using that theme they proved that Obama's personal journey isn't complete. He hasn't done anything. He's done diddly-squat really. He's forced now to defend community agitation. (doing Obama impression) "I taught law. I taught law at University of Chicago law school, taught law." What did you teach? We haven't heard many of your students come and up say how much they loved you. He still sees himself as first. Not a fatal flaw. McCain found it through important life experience. You can grow beyond that, but I don't think Obama thinks he needs to grow. See, I think Obama's it in his mind and in the eyes of his supporters, it's why he's it. So it was pretty



powerful to me last night in a lot of ways, frustrating in some others. I'm sure it was frustrating to you in obvious ways. The performance was not what you were hoping for. But, again, expectations should have managed that. The words, the sincerity, the genuineness, the authenticity last night, the contrast was just stark, both of our candidates versus these nothing but traditional political hacks on the left.

[McCain might actually win!]

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122057235827601631.html>

## **Palin Wants Alaska to Secede?**

RUSH: Jerry in Milwaukee, welcome, sir, to the Rush Limbaugh program. Hello.

CALLER: Hi. Thanks for taking my call, Rush. This pick by Senator McCain, I believe it was kind of a desperate pick because he picked someone much more conservative than him to appeal to the far right. His campaign admitted they didn't really fully vet her because they wanted to keep it a secret and things are coming out after the last week and a half. Imagine if Michelle Obama had connections to a secessionist party like Todd Palin, the husband has connections to a secessionist party, you would call her un-American, you would say that she hates America --

RUSH: Hey, hey, hey.

CALLER: -- with those connections.

RUSH: Jerry, let me try to set you state. Her husband had flirtings with the secessionist party, she didn't. Michelle Obama took her kids every Sunday to Jeremiah Wright's church where her kids got to hear some of the most anti-American drivel hate speech ever. This pick, you're dead wrong about it. You're living in fear. This pick by

McCain was brilliant because this pick is not to the far right. There is no far right of any size and substance. This pick unified the conservative base in the Republican Party to the party. McCain could not do that on his own. He can't win without Republicans, conservatives excited about the ticket, and they are. He's now free to go out and be who he is, campaign for his precious moderates and independents and so forth. It was smart pick. It was more than that. That is why on this program his name has recently been morphed and changed into John McBrilliant.

RUSH: This secession business is one of the lamest straws, the lamest little twigs that the left have out there to try to go after Sarah Palin on the basis that her husband Todd supported secession for Alaska. Now, two things. Look at me on this. Follow me. Two things. Now, I don't support secession, obviously, but I can damn-well understand why people in Alaska feel put out. Here you have a bunch of elite, city slicker liberals in New York and California and elsewhere. They don't like liberals in these rural areas. They don't like liberal politicians telling them when, how, and where they can explore for and drill for their own natural resources. They don't like having to hear Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi tell them when and where they can't do things.

They don't like hearing it from Obama. They don't like being told that they can't use their habitats and all of that. Now, I don't support secession for Alaska, but I understand why people get ticked off up there. But can we go back to the recent past? There was a piece by John Fund on June 12th of 2006 in the Wall Street Journal. Senator Akaka [from Hawaii] "undermined his own bill last year when he made statements to National Public Radio that the sovereignty granted Native Hawaiians in the [Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act] bill could eventually lead to secession. 'That could be,' he said. 'As far as what's going to happen at the other end, I'm leaving it up to my grandchildren

and great-grandchildren." Obama and Biden both voted for Akaka's bill that opened the way for Hawaii to leave the union! And when this bill came up, we were all talking about how this is going to potentially lead to secession," and Obama and Biden both voted for it! Now, this is a clear example of a double standard.

Alaska hasn't done anything like this. They certainly haven't had a member of their congressional delegation propose it. But Daniel A-ka-ka (I love pronouncing that name) Daniel A-ka-ka from Hawaii not only proposed it, but it was debated and almost passed voted for by Obama and Biden. So what is this? The double standard just reigns extreme. But, see, we don't live in a monopoly anymore -- and the left cannot seem to get it through its head that we have researchers and that we have an archive of the stupid, contradictory, hypocritical things that they have and said how they've voted. The rope-a-dope again: "Okay, you want to go after Todd Palin for flirting with Alaskan secession? Fine! Obama and Biden voted for a bill that could lead to that very thing in Hawaii, by the sponsor's own admission, Daniel Akaka."

Hawaiian Secession:

<http://www.opinionjournal.com/diary/?id=110008503>

Incorrect reporting on Palin admitted:

<http://www.sundaypaper.com/More/StaffBlog/tabid/138/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/2988/Default.aspx>

## Caller Sees What Rush Does not

RUSH: This is Tim in San Diego. Tim, thank you for calling. You're next on the EIB Network. Hello.

CALLER: Hi, Rush. Okay, you just brought up the topic I'm calling about. I called about McCain, but can I make a quick comment about Sarah Palin's baby?

RUSH: Go for it.

CALLER: Okay. I think that one reason --

RUSH: You mean the five-month-old?

CALLER: Yes, uh-huh.

RUSH: Yeah, yeah.

CALLER: I think that one reason liberals don't want Sarah Palin on the ticket is because if she were elected it would mean that there would be a Down syndrome baby in the White House, and that's exactly the same kind of baby that Obama voted against protecting if they survive an abortion, because he said he didn't want to grant personhood status to those babies.

RUSH: That's a good point. The very existence of that baby gives Obama a problem, because of his stand in favor of infanticide.

CALLER: Exactly. And here would be a vice president raising a Down syndrome baby before the eyes of the whole country. And so what better illustration could there be of the chasm between the culture of life and the liberals' culture of death. So that's my point on them.

RUSH: Good point, I didn't think of that.

## Obama Warns of Global Warming

[Although, now and again, Obama tells us that the oceans will recede if we vote for him, he has mostly downplayed global warming—realizing that this is not a real issue to most people, even though many people have swallowed it; however, he is now on the ropes, bobbing and weaving; so,

he is moving into *scare-you* politics now, trying to frighten middle America, who are not, in general, smart enough to recognize his brilliance].

RUSH: Obama is in Scranton and said this.

OBAMA: Global warming is a serious problem. Uh, i-it's not just some tree hugger, you know, uh, sprout eatin' liberal thing. You know, the polar ice caps are melting. Temperatures are getting warmer in the oceans, and it could wreck (sic) havoc on our agriculture. It could increase insect-borne diseases.

RUSH: But it isn't.

OBAMA: I mean, it could really m-mess things up, making hurricanes and tornadoes much more powerful and change w-weather patterns fundamentally. So we've got to take this seriously, and I've got the most aggressive plan to try to roll back, uh, global warming.

RUSH: The bloom is off the rose here. This is amateur day in Scranton, Pennsylvania. "Well, global warming a serious problem, not just some, uh, tree hugger, uh, sprout eatin' liberal thing." That's exactly what it is. (laughing) "You know, polar ice caps are melting." (laughing) I gotta hear this again. This guy is becoming laughable to me here.

OBAMA: Global warming is a serious problem. Uh, i-it's not just some tree hugger, you know, uh, sprout eatin' liberal thing.

RUSH: You're missing the prompter out there, are you?

OBAMA: You know, the polar ice caps are melting. Temperatures are getting warmer in the oceans, and it could wreck (sic) havoc on our agriculture.

RUSH: It's "wreak" havoc, by the way.

OBAMA: It could increase insect-borne diseases. I mean, it could really m-mess things up, making hurricanes and tornadoes much more powerful and change w-weather patterns fundamentally.

RUSH: (laughing)

OBAMA: So we've got to take this seriously, and I've got the most aggressive plan to try to roll back, uh, global warming.

RUSH: Right. He's going to lower the sea levels. (laughing) Here's the thing about that. I don't even... I'm really reluctant to take it seriously to any degree at all, but global warming would help agriculture in a lot of parts of the world if it actually happened. The thing that kills agriculture is global cooling. He's missing the prompter here. "Not just some tree hugger, uh, sprout eatin' liberal, uh, thing." By the way, from the BBC today: "The Environment Minister [in the UK] Sammy Wilson has angered green campaigners by describing their view on climate change as a 'hysterical psuedo-religion'. In an article in the News Letter, Mr. Wilson said he believed it occurred naturally and was not man-made. 'Resources should be used to adapt to the consequences of climate change, rather than King Canute-style vainly trying to stop it,' said the minister." This guy is right. We can't stop it anyway. We've adapted to these things all of our existence. Poor little Barry! Poor little Barry. I don't want to jump the gun here, but what happened to our Messiah? What happened to Mr. Infallible?

[Maybe Obama thinks that he can get those people clinging to their guns and Bibles to start worrying about end-of-the-world global warming disasters, so that they will cling to him instead].

## Additional Rush Links

Obama tells what a community organizer is:

<http://mfile.akamai.com/5020/wma/rushlimb.download.akamai.com/5020/New/obamafengshui.aspx>

Palin hammers Obama on the surge and his admission that the surge worked, but that he would not have done it that way himself:

<http://hotair.com/archives/2008/09/05/video-palin-hammers-obama-over-the-surge-in-wisconsin/>

Rush knew about Palin long ago:

RUSH: I've been talking about Sarah Palin all year. I've had some people say, "Rush, I don't remember you ever talking about Sarah Palin." Oh, really? Well, let's go back to February 26th, 2008, me on my own show.

RUSH ARCHIVE: Speaking of vice presidential nominees, a new name has surfaced on the Republican side. She is Sarah Palin. "Sarah Palin (born as Sarah Louise Heath on February 11, 1964 in Sandpoint, Idaho) is the current Governor of Alaska. She is the youngest governor in Alaskan history (42 years old upon taking office), as well as the first woman to hold the office in Alaska. In addition to being Alaska's youngest governor, Palin is also the first who was born after Alaska achieved statehood. She is also the first Alaska governor not to be inaugurated in Juneau, instead choosing to hold her inauguration ceremony in Fairbanks. She took office on Monday, December 4, 2006. Her Lieutenant Governor is Sean Parnell. Palin is the former mayor of Wasilla, Alaska. Palin's husband, Todd, works on the North Slope and is a commercial fisherman. She also has four children: Bristol, Piper, Track, and Willow." What, Snerdley? Yeah, the kids have strange names, but that's off limits. The names of the kids are: Bristol, Piper, Track, and Willow -- and (Palin) is a babe. She's a babe. I mean, you've gotta say it. She's a babe. So her name has surfaced. It's high up on the list, now, of potential vice presidents for Senator McCain.

What Palin could learn from Mrs. T:

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122057410046101771.html>

Bill Kristol also was predicting Palin as early as last summer (seems like he was vindicated by Brit Hume or Chris Wallace and a clip from the show).

Hurricane Palin:

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2008/09/hurricane\\_sarah\\_shakes\\_up\\_the.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2008/09/hurricane_sarah_shakes_up_the.html)

Palin outpolls Obama and McCain:

[http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public\\_content/politics/election\\_20082/2008\\_presidential\\_election/palin\\_power\\_fresh\\_face\\_now\\_more\\_popular\\_than\\_obama\\_mccain](http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/election_20082/2008_presidential_election/palin_power_fresh_face_now_more_popular_than_obama_mccain)

Not every European buys into global warming:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/northern\\_ireland/7599810.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/7599810.stm)

Some did actually report on some of these things:

<http://apnews.myway.com/article/20080904/D93079DG4.html>

[http://www.tvweek.com/news/2008/09/mccain\\_tv\\_ratings\\_beat\\_obama\\_i.php](http://www.tvweek.com/news/2008/09/mccain_tv_ratings_beat_obama_i.php)



Obama, the candidate with the excellent judgment, backed Detroit mayor, who is going to jail:

<http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AI D=/20080904/NEWS01/309050001>

Palin has Obama on the ropes:

[http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/sfgate/detail?blogid=14&entry\\_id=29880](http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/sfgate/detail?blogid=14&entry_id=29880)



Now McCain and Palin are drawing Obama numbers:

<http://www.wbay.com/Global/story.asp?S=8959383>

Will Obama support a surge now for his political home town? More Americans murdered in Chicago than in Iraq this past summer.

<http://newsbusters.org/blogs/mark-finkelstein/2008/09/05/will-obama-support-chicago-surge-hometown-death-toll-double-iraqs>

What did Obama teach in college?

<http://sweetness-light.com/archive/so-what-did-obama-teach-in-law-school>

Newsweek praises Sarah Palin (one year ago):

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/42534/>

