

10 Reasons Why McCain Might Win

by John Podhoretz , 31 Oct 2008

This is why it might happen. Not saying it will. (1) One poll has undecided voters at 14 percent on the last weekend, which means most of them probably really aren't undecided, that they are either going to stay home or vote preponderantly for McCain and pull McCain across the finish line...

Read the other nine reasons: <http://www.commentarymagazine.com/blogs/index.php/jpodhoretz/40841>

Obama's a better symbol than president

On Tuesday many Americans will vote for the two-dimensional Obama—the image, the idea.

by Mark Steyn, 1 Nov 2008

...The senator and his dotting Obots in the media have gone to great lengths to obscure what Barack Obama does when he's not being a symbol: his voting record, his friends, his patrons, his life outside the soft-focus memoirs is deemed nonrelevant to the general hopey-changey vibe. But occasionally we get a glimpse. The offhand aside to Joe the Plumber about "spreading the wealth around" was revealing because it suggests a crude redistributive view of "social justice". Yet the nimble Hope-a-Dope sidestepper brushed it aside, telling a crowd in Raleigh that next John McCain will be "accusing me of being a secret communist because I shared my toys in kindergarten."

But that too is revealing. As John Hood pointed out at *National Review*, **communism is not "sharing."** In a free society, the citizen chooses whether to share his Lego, trade it for some Thomas the Tank Engine train tracks, or keep it to himself. From that freedom of action grow mighty Playmobile cities. Communism is compulsion. It's the government confiscating your Elmo to "share" it with someone of its choice. Joe the Plumber is free to spread his own wealth around—hiring employees, buying supplies from local businesses, enjoying surf 'n' turf night at his favorite eatery. **But, in Obama's world view, that's not good enough: the state is the best judge of how to spread Joe the Plumber's wealth around.**

The Senator is a wealthy man, mainly on the strength of two bestselling books offering his biography in lieu of policy and accomplishments. Many lively members of his Kenyan family occur as supporting characters in his story and provide the vivid color in it. But they too are not merely two-dimensional cartoons. His Aunt Zeituni, a memorable figure in Obama's writing, turned up for real last week, when the dogged James Bone of the London Times tracked her down. She lives in a rundown housing project in Boston.

In his Wednesday night infomercial, Obama declared that his "fundamental belief" was that "I am my brother's keeper." Back in Kenya, his brother lives in a shack on 12 bucks a year. If Barack is his brother's keeper, why couldn't he send him a \$10 bill and nearly double the guy's income? **The reality is that Barack Obama assumes the government should be his brother's keeper, and his aunt's keeper.** Why be surprised by that? For 20 years in Illinois, Obama has marinated in the swamps of the Chicago political machine and the campus radicalism of William Ayers and Rashid Khalidi. In such a world, the redistributive urge is more or less a minimum entry qualification. The government as wealth-spreader-in-chief was not a slip of the tongue but consistent with Obama's life, friends and votes...

All of it: <http://www.ocreger.com/articles/obama-dimensional-hope-2212958-barack-government>

video Tito "the Builder" Munoz Intimidates Alan Colmes

video Too Much Schumer *Hat tip: Tony C.*

U.S. deaths in Iraq tie monthly low

31 Oct 2008

The U.S. death toll in Iraq this month tied the war's record low set in July — 13, the Associated Press reports.

The number of Iraqis killed hit a monthly low for the year, though AP does not provide a figure. Eight of the 13 Americans died in combat, most in northern Iraq where Al-Qaeda and other Sunni insurgents remain active. In September, 25 Americans were killed, and 23 in August. In Afghanistan, 15 U.S. military deaths were reported for October. The monthly toll had been in the 20s since June, when 28 Americans were killed — the worst one-month total since that war began in late 2001.

<http://blogs.usatoday.com/ondeadline/2008/10/us-deaths-in-ir.html?csp=34>

Self-absorbed moonbat author Erica Jong freaks out about the election

On October 29, she told *Corriere della Serra* how worried she was that Obama would lose the election:

"The record shows that voting machines in America are rigged...My friends Ken Follett and Susan Cheever are extremely worried. Naomi Wolf calls me every day. Yesterday, Jane Fonda sent me an email to tell me that she cried all night and can't cure her ailing back for all the stress that has reduces her to a bundle of nerves. My back is also suffering from spasms, so much so that I had to see an acupuncturist and get prescriptions for Valium. After having stolen the last two elections, the Republican Mafia...

"If Obama loses it will spark the second American Civil War. Blood will run in the streets, believe me. And it's not a coincidence that President Bush recalled soldiers from Iraq for Dick Cheney to lead against American citizens in the streets. Bush has transformed America into a police state, from torture to the imprisonment of reporters, to the Patriot Act." She also said that she and Michael Chabon have "taken the place of Susan Sontag and Norman Mailer respectively."

<http://www.observer.com/2008/politics/erica-jong-tells-italians-obama-loss-will-spark-second-american-civil-war-blood-will-r>

Sorry, Erica. Those two giant treasonweasels are well and truly dead, thank goodness. It would take a lot more than you and Michael Chabon to replace them.

video **Zo: 1 more B4 11 04** (the TRUTH about liberalism) *Hat tip: Jim D.*

Obama's Stock

The market is afraid of Obama's new New Deal.

by Pat Toomey, 30 Oct 2008

...Unlike Barack Obama, the stock market has learned a thing or two from history's mistakes. Five major policy errors helped turn the 1929 downturn into a full-blown Depression lasting over ten years, and Barack Obama has promised to repeat all five of these. No wonder investors are running for the doors...

...Hoover's and Roosevelt's misguided policies on taxes, trade, spending, labor, and regulation surely cost millions of jobs and inflicted years of economic misery. Barack Obama is promising a return to those failed policies. The stock market has noticed.

Read it all: <http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=YjZiYjE4OTRjMzZmY2IyNTFhYWFKYTZhMzVmM2NiMzk>

Media's O-Colored Glasses Blank Out Leftist Truth

by Diana West, 30 Oct 2008

...Despite the disgrace of our free-but-self-caged press, many voters have managed to learn for themselves that Obama has spent a lifetime associating with the kind of anti-Americans and subversives that, by rights, make him ineligible for a federal security clearance—something Daniel Pipes has noted.

Many voters understand that when you "spread the wealth around" you are enacting a basic premise of Marxism, or communism, or socialism, or something once upon a time derided as plain old commie-pinko. But that was a long time ago, and the fact is, we just don't know how many Americans are still put off, if not outraged, by such things.

And maybe this becomes the most important question to be settled on Nov. 4: How many Americans still

consider mixing with and supporting bomb-throwers and radicals to be un-presidential? How many Americans still consider a Marxist basis for economics to be, in fact, downright un-American? ...

The whole thing: <http://townhall.com/Common/PrintPage.aspx?g=31b0a6ad-a29c-43b1-b21c-e8c6830891b9&t=c>

Political Lives

by David Warren, 29 Oct 2008

...Of the four candidates on the two U.S. presidential tickets, it strikes me that both John McCain and Sarah Palin have some credible personal background to equip them in dealing with the interface between politics and life. By comparison, neither Barack Obama nor Joe Biden has ever done anything much, except master party political machinery.

Even within politics, the contrast between, say, Ms. Palin and Mr. Obama is instructive. Ms. Palin rose in Alaskan politics through a series of fights, in each of which she took on vested interests, starting with her local school board, and ending with her own party's old-boy network in Juneau. She had to fall back on her own personal resources—and I mean psychic, not financial, for she had to raise her own money, too—all along the way. She has grit, but with this grit, she was acquiring firsthand experience of how politics enters the lives of people who are not essentially political; who raise families, and work for their livings.

Whereas, Mr. Obama was from his political beginnings the darling of a Chicago political machine, notorious for both corruption, and harbouring radicals. His very smoothness and articulacy, even his blackness, made him their golden boy, assuring him of financial patronage along his way...

All of it: <http://www.canada.com/components/print.aspx?id=60cf22ca-2316-41e7-a5ac-8ee3b1b7f60d&sponsor=>

Dictators Mock Obama's Ignorance

If you watch nothing else today, **watch this:**

 **Zo on health care, energy, taxes, pretty much everything** (*Hat tip: Jim D.*)

 **Dear Mr. Obama** Iraq War vet supports McCain. BBC says it's the most-played election video.

If Iraqis could vote, it would be for McCain

http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=081030170209.3wxfwin&show_article=1

Obama's Living-Will Constitution

by George Neumayr, 29 Oct 2008

...Obama's understanding of a "living" Constitution is even more ambitious than that of recent Democratic presidential nominees. It turns out that he sees a "living" Constitution the same way he sees taxation—as an instrument of income-leveling...

...Obama's "living" Constitution is a dead Constitution—just a blank piece of paper on which his judges will write whatever they please, extending and expanding the outrageous jurisprudence of recent decades. Were he honest, he would call for a constitutional convention to write a new document from scratch, one that would enshrine his enlightened new understandings. But he would never dare proceed so openly, realizing that left-wing ideas too clearly stated provoke backlash.

Would the states sign off on a new Constitution that declares a right to abortion? Or a right to a home through Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac? No, better to leave things vague; better to tyrannize the people through a "living" Constitution than risk exposure and resistance in the creation of a new one...

...The Constitution, long on life-support under liberal activists, will have its plug pulled completely by Obama's judges without any announcement of its death. Real rights will vanish while bogus ones flourish...

...This is creeping tyranny cast as "change." The whole point of a written constitution with prescribed

procedures for its official change is to prevent this tyranny and the inevitable chaos that erupts after the people realize the meaningless character of law under such arrogance. After all, if the "living" constitutionalists don't have to listen to the words of the framers and can insert new meanings into the place of those words, the people, by the same logic, don't have to listen either and can reject those new meanings just as lawlessly.

Read it all: <http://www.spectator.org/archives/2008/10/29/obamas-living-will-constitutio>



The mainstream media finally wakes up and *starts* to question Obama's b.s.

Reality Check: The Cost Of Obama's Pledges

by Wyatt Andrews (CBS), 29 Oct 2008

Without question, the Barack Obama infomercial served as a very slick and powerful recitation of the biggest promises he's made as a presidential candidate. But the very bigness of his ideas is the problem: **he seems blind to the concept his numbers don't add up...**

Read on: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2008/10/29/eveningnews/realitycheck/printable4557520.shtml>

Obama's prime-time ad skips over budget realities

by Calvin Woodward (AP), 29 Oct 2008

Democratic presidential candidate **Barack Obama was less than upfront in his half-hour commercial** Wednesday night about the costs of his programs and the crushing budget pressures he would face in office.

Obama's assertion that "I've offered spending cuts above and beyond" the expense of his promises is accepted only by his partisans. His vow to save money by "eliminating programs that don't work" **masks his failure throughout the campaign to specify what those programs are**—beyond the withdrawal of troops from Iraq.

A sampling of what voters heard in the ad, and what he didn't tell them...

More: http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=D944H6EO0&show_article=1

Foreclosure Myths: Can the Media Handle the Truth?

by Steven Malanga, 29 Oct 2008

http://www.realeclearmarkets.com/articles/2008/10/foreclosure_myths_can_media_ha.html

Two outstanding pieces by Col. Bob Pappas, USMC Ret.

The Left Will Soon Be Left 28 Oct 2008

<http://gulfl.typepad.com/gulflcpappas/2008/10/the-left-will-soon-be-left.html>

Is Obama a Natural Born Citizen? 26 Oct 2008

<http://gulfl.typepad.com/gulflcpappas/2008/10/is-obama-a-natural-born-citizen.html>

(Hat tip: Garry E.)

Philip J. Berg's lawsuit concerning Obama's citizenship status was **dismissed** by the Philadelphia federal court for "lack of standing." In other words, the court decided it didn't want to look at the facts. Here are the facts.

Obama & DNC Admit All Allegations of Federal Court Lawsuit

Obama Should Immediately Withdraw his Candidacy for President

<http://kentuckylaketimes.com/localnews/obama-birth-certificate-102108042102.php>

(Hat tip: Garry E.)

And one more fact. Mr. Berg **is appealing** to the U.S. Supreme Court. Here's what Mr. Berg said in response to the craven cowardice of the Philadelphia court: "This is a question of who has standing to uphold our Constitution. If I don't have standing, if you don't have standing, if your neighbor doesn't have standing to question the eligibility of an individual to be President of the United States—the Commander-in-Chief, the most powerful person in the world—then who does?"

Some very important stories featured at Little Green Footballs:

Khalidi and Obama: kindred spirits

by Martin Kramer, 30 Oct 2008

http://sandbox.blog-city.com/khalidi_and_obama_kindred_spirits.htm

Chicago Democratic Socialists of America endorsed Obama in 2000

Barak [sic] Obama is serving only his second term in the Illinois State Senate so he might be fairly charged with ambition, but the same might have been said of Bobby Rush when he ran against Congressman Charles Hayes. Obama also has put in time at the grass roots, working for five years as a community organizer in Harlem and in Chicago. When Obama participated in a 1996 UofC YDS Townhall Meeting on Economic Insecurity, much of what he had to say was well within the mainstream of European social democracy. To volunteer, call 773 846 2262. Contributions may be sent to Obama for Congress 2000, PO Box 497987, Chicago, IL 60649.

<http://www.chicagodsa.org/ngarchive/ng69.html>

What is the L.A. Times Hiding?

http://jeffreygoldberg.theatlantic.com/archives/2008/10/what_is_the_la_times_hiding.php

Another Disturbing Unreported Barack Obama Association: a Terrorist Fundraiser

http://littlegreenfootballs.com/article/31741_Another_Disturbing_Unreported_Barack_Obama_Association-_a_Terrorist_Fundraiser

The Khalidi Tape: Putting the Bits and Pieces Together with New Details.

Verified Information

Location:

Burbank Manor, 6312 W 79th St., Burbank, Illinois

Time:

Friday, August 1, 2003

6pm—Reception

7pm—Dinner and Reception

Those who attended:

1. AAAN (Arab American Action Network)
2. Not In My Name
3. **Ali Abunimah** (a Palestinian rights activist in Chicago who helps run Electronic Intifada, who met Obama in 2000)
4. **Bernadine Dorhn and Bill Ayers**
5. **Barack Obama**
6. Mayor of Chicago Richard Daley
7. **Rashid Khalidi**
8. Mona Khalidi
9. Gihad Ali, a Palestinian spoken word poet
10. NPR Worldview host Jerome McDonnell (not McDonald as written in the e-mail)
11. Camilia Odeh (director of SWYC Southwest Youth Collaborative)
12. Sanabel debka troupe (traditional Palestinian dance group)
13. **Hatem Abudayyeh**
14. Others—Up to 50 to 500 guests

<http://blog.changeandexperience.com/2008/10/khalidi-tape-putting-bits-and-pieces.html>

Debbie Schlussel thinks the source of the Los Angeles Times' **suppressed video of Barack Obama** toasting former Arafat associate Rashid Khalidi may be Ali Abunimah, of the anti-Israel web site Electronic Intifada. It's certainly plausible.

http://www.debbieschlussel.com/archives/2008/10/exclusive_ali_a.html

Obama Accepting Untraceable Donations.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/10/28/AR2008102803413.html>

WBEZ Hiding Obama Recordings?

http://littlegreenfootballs.com/article/31735_WBEZ_Hiding_Obama_Recordings

Wackonomics

by Walter E. Williams, 29 Oct 2008

For the U.S. Congress, news media, pundits and much of the American public, a lot of economic phenomena can be explained by what people want, human greed, and what seems plausible. I'm going to name this branch of economic "science" wackonomics and apply it to some of today's observations and issues...

...Wackonomics isn't all bad. There's an upside to it. It spares people the bother of having to understand the complexities of the world.

The rest: <http://www.creators.com/opinion/walter-williams/wackonomics.html>

Why Democrats Will Target the Investor Class in 2009

by James Pethokoukis, 30 Oct 2008

There are at least two pretty effective ways to turn someone into a Republican: (1) get them married with kids and (2) get them to invest in the stock market. So, if I were a highly paid Democratic political strategist, I would make sure to spend a few minutes every day thinking of ways to get Americans out of the stock market—the faster, the better. And that's why if Barack Obama is elected president next week, 2009 may well bring a concerted and all-out effort by the Obama administration and a Democratically dominated Congress to **turn the generally pro-Republican Investor Class into an endangered class** by, among other tactics, raising investment taxes and **ending the tax preferences for 401(k)'s, IRAs, and other retirement accounts**. Here is the emerging battle plan for Operation Investor Class Rollback...

Read on: <http://www.usnews.com/blogs/capital-commerce/2008/10/30/why-democrats-will-target-the-investor-class-in-2009.html>

Obama's Economic Mythology

by Steve Chapman, 30 Oct 2008

...All sorts of products that didn't exist a generation ago are now commonplace even in humble neighborhoods—personal computers, cell phones, high-definition TVs, Polartec jackets, digital cameras, Starbucks coffee and more. If their incomes are steadily falling, how do Americans cart home so much stuff?

Terry Fitzgerald, a senior economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, says the answer is simple. Far from declining, he writes, "the economic compensation for work for middle Americans has risen significantly over the past 30 years."

The mistake made by the School of Gloom is looking only at wages, narrowly defined. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, average hourly earnings of production and nonsupervisory workers, adjusted for inflation, fell by 4 percent between 1975 and 2005. But those figures deceive because they omit fringe benefits like health insurance, pensions and paid leave, which make up a bigger share of total compensation than before. The numbers also rely on a mismeasure of inflation.

When those flaws are corrected, a very different trend leaps off the page. Median wages, says Fitzgerald, rose 28 percent between 1975 and 2005. Nor were the gains restricted to Bill Gates and Hannah Montana: Significant gains occurred in the middle as well...

...Thanks to American capitalism, ordinary workers and families are better off today than they were a decade or a generation ago. In the midst of scary economic times, that's a heartening fact to keep in mind. Even if certain Democrats would rather you didn't.

All of it: <http://townhall.com/Common/PrintPage.aspx?g=37c7e6ce-6df0-470a-aba2-32b7a3a06e3d&t=c>

Sarkozy Rips Obama on Iran Policy

by Geoff Earle, 29 Oct 2008

French President Nicolas Sarkozy has privately ripped Barack Obama's posture on Iran as "utterly immature," according to a stunning report.

Sarkozy, who gushed over Obama when they met this summer, has said in private meetings that Obama's views were "formulations empty of all content," according to Israel's Ha'aretz newspaper.

Sarkozy fears Obama would pursue direct, unconditional talks with Iran. He reportedly told Obama in their meeting that it would be "very problematic" if US policy toward Iran changes, "arrogantly" ignoring ongoing efforts. http://www.nypost.com/seven/10292008/news/politics/kozy_rips_bam_on_iran_135788.htm

Fair Warning

New York Post editorial, 29 Oct 2008

...Biden let slip that he and Obama apparently have a sliding scale to determine who's "super-rich." Obama, after all, has been promising a tax cut for the "middle class"—those making \$200,000 a year or less.

Biden yesterday lowered that bar. "What we're saying," he told a Pennsylvania TV interviewer, "is that [our] tax break doesn't need to go to people making . . . \$1.4 million. It should go to [people] making under \$150,000 a year." Oops. That's a 25 percent downward redefinition of "middle class." An Obama mouthpiece quickly dismissed the discrepancy as just another one of Joe the Senator's gaffes.

But consider: The campaign has a new TV commercial out declaring that *families*—not individuals—earning \$200,000 or less would qualify for a tax cut. *Two* incomes—not one. And, as most middle-class wage-earners know, that's a huge difference. As Sen. John McCain said yesterday: "At this rate, **it won't be long before Sen. Obama is right back to his vote that Americans making just \$42,000 should get a tax increase.**"

We wouldn't be surprised—what with leading congressional Democrats like Rep. Barney Frank licking their chops at the chance to raise taxes. "We'll have to raise taxes, ultimately," Frank declared over the weekend.

Don't say you weren't warned.

http://www.nypost.com/seven/10292008/postopinion/editorials/fair_warning_135862.htm

More on the **bombshell audio** of Obama calling for the redistribution of wealth.
A game-changer by Obama

by Wesley Pruden, 28 Oct 2008

...One of the "tragedies of the civil-rights movement," Mr. Obama says, is that the Supreme Court did not address redistribution of wealth, probably because of the inherent difficulty of achieving such goals through the courts. The Supreme Court did not break from the restraints of the Constitution and "we still suffer from that." Mr. Obama is not "optimistic" that the Supreme Court can achieve redistribution of wealth—of taking from the workers to give to the deadbeats—but he obviously thinks he knows how to do it. A president with a compliant Congress, which he expects to be in January, can do it through legislation and "administration."

The Barack Obama of this interview clearly does not think much of what the Founding Fathers bequeathed to us: "The Constitution reflected the enormous blind spot in this culture that carries on to this day. **The framers had that same blind spot ... the fundamental flaw of this country.**" ...

...To redistribute wealth, you first have to confiscate it from those who earned it with hard work, and the way to do that is with confiscatory taxes. Then you give it to those who didn't earn it...

There's nothing ambiguous about Mr. Obama's radical views, as revealed in this interview. He clearly thinks the Constitution was a "tragedy," that the men who wrote it were not the revolutionary heroes plain Americans regard them to be, and their work must be corrected by the surviving radicals of the '60s and their progeny. Anyone who listens to this interview, available on YouTube.com, understands why Michelle Obama was never proud of her country until she thought the opportunity was at hand to destroy the country to save it, **and why Barack Obama could spend 20 years comfortably listening to the Rev. Jeremiah Wright exhort God to damn America.**
The entire piece: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2008/oct/28/a-game-changer-by-obama-himself/>

An important lesson from American history:

Obama's New Deal No Better Than Old One

by Michael Barone, 29 Oct 2008

<http://www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=29254>

Huffington Post writer brutally murders lover, then shoots herself

by Michael Laforgia, 29 Oct 2008

Carol Anne Burger killed her former lover by stabbing her 222 times with a Phillips-head screwdriver and then took pains to hide her crime, police said Wednesday....

...As investigators studied the case, several telltale signs, including the ferocity and personal nature of the attack, pointed to Burger, they said. But before they could question her, Burger walked out into her back yard, pressed a gun up under her chin and pulled the trigger, police said. Detectives found her body there last Thursday but couldn't locate a suicide note...

The whole story: http://www.palmbeachpost.com/localnews/content/local_news/epaper/2008/10/29/1029bbdeaths.html

Judge This

Obama and the Law

by Thomas Sowell, 28 Oct 2008

...Senator Obama has stated very clearly what kinds of Supreme Court justices he wants—those with "the empathy to understand what it's like to be poor, or African-American, or gay, or disabled, or old."

Like so many things that Obama says, it may sound nice if you don't stop and think—and chilling if you do stop and think. Do we really want judges who decide cases based on who you are, rather than on the facts and the law?

If the case involves a white man versus a black woman, should the judge decide that case differently than if both litigants are of the same race or sex? ...

Read the rest: <http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=ZThjMGE1Mjg1MzI2YzY2YTJjNmFiZjU3YjY4M2JkMDk=>

Just as I said (see "F.T.P.," 26 Oct), the Dems will raise taxes on people who gross a lot less than \$250,000 a year. Biden already has it down to \$150,000.

Biden Blows Fuzzy Tax Math

by Carl Campanile in Hershey PA and Brendan Scott in NY, 29 Oct 2008

http://www.nypost.com/seven/10292008/news/politics/biden_blows_fuzzy_tax_math_135787.htm

Obama in 1995:

Rev. Wright is 'the BEST of what the Black Church has to offer'

by Warner Todd Huston, 28 Oct 2008

<http://www.stoptheaclu.com/archives/2008/10/28/obama-rev-wright-is-the-best-of-what-the-black-church-has-to-offer/>

This amazing report includes lots of visuals, and also covers Obama's heavily shrouded years at Columbia.

Barack Obama's Close Encounter with the Weather Underground

Did the presidential candidate and the revolutionary terror group cross paths at a violent 1981 anti-Apartheid protest?

by Zombie, 27 Oct 2008

http://www.zombietime.com/obama_and_the_weather_underground/

Dubious Donations

by Scott W. Johnson, 27 Oct 2008

...What accounts for the Obama campaign's acceptance of these fraudulent donations? Most merchants selling goods and services use the basic Address Verification System that screens credit-card charges for matching names and addresses. (It can also screen cards issued by foreign banks.) The McCain campaign uses AVS and provides a searchable database of all donors, including those who fall below the \$200 threshold. The Obama campaign apparently has chosen not to use the AVS system to screen donations...

...But the Obama campaign is running a system that complicates the discovery of "something wrong." It has chosen to operate an online contribution system that facilitates illegal falsely sourced contributions, illegal foreign contributions and the evasion of contribution limits...

More: http://www.nypost.com/seven/10272008/postopinion/opedcolumnists/dubious_donations_135428.htm?page=0

Prince Charles says climate crisis trumps economy

http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20081028/wl_uk_afp/japanbritainclimatewarming_081028105730

Prince Charles named Upper Class Twit of the Year for 28th time in 35 years

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSqkdcT25ss>

More on the [bombshell audio](#) of Obama calling for the redistribution of wealth.

Obama's Ideas for a Radical Court

by Robert Alt, 28 Oct 2008

...Which leads to a second observation on the interview, concerning Obama's views of the high court. After noting the Supreme Court's lack of redistributive adventurism, he muses: "To that extent, as radical as I think people tried to characterize the Warren Court, it wasn't that radical."

Sure, the Warren Court invented a right to privacy out of whole cloth (or, if you prefer, out of the penumbral emanations of the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth, and Fourteenth Amendments). Sure, it rewrote criminal law in ways that made it possible for thousands of criminals to walk free thanks to technicalities. But it didn't engage in wholesale redistribution, so it wasn't really "radical."

Obama's umbrage at those who would "characterize" the Warren Court as radical isn't terribly surprising. He

has previously cited Earl Warren as the model for the kind of justice that he would pick. And he has repeatedly said he wants judges who demonstrate empathy—which, as luck would have it, appears to involve a bit of a redistributive ethic.

Thus, in his floor statements explaining his votes against the confirmation of John Roberts as chief justice and Sam Alito as justice, he played on the class-warfare theme, criticizing each for too often siding with the rich and powerful against those he deems to be powerless. In making such assessments, Obama didn't offer even a hint of reflection on whether the law might have required the rulings he disliked, just a lamentation about the distribution of the outcomes...

The whole thing:

http://www.nypost.com/seven/10282008/postopinion/opedcolumnists/obamas_ideas_for_a_radical_court_135633.htm?&page=0

Joe Biden's own bishop corrects the Senator's "seriously erroneous picture of Catholic teaching on abortion."

Catholic Church has made no exception regarding abortion since ancient times

Most Rev. W. Francis Malooly, bishop, Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, 26 Oct 2008

<http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20081026/OPINION10/81025022/1004/OPINION>

Farewell, Dean

by Hugh Hewitt , 27 Oct 2008

My friend and colleague Dean Barnett died today, and the world is a much poorer place for it. As anyone who listened to him on my radio show or read his work at Soxblog, here or at the Weekly Standard knows, and as everyone who had the great, great pleasure of knowing Dean will attest, Dean's combination of sparking intelligence and enormous good humor made him one of the most memorable of friends. What too few people know, though, is what a kind, extraordinarily giving and compassionate man he was. Dean loved people and he loved this country and threw himself into every cause...

Read it all: <http://hughhewitt.townhall.com/blog/g/6b7b7be7-f95f-4f1f-9723-63c7dbf0a1de>

Don John adds: Dean was an avid golfer and Red Sox fan with a thick, beautiful Boston accent. He was a frequent contributor and guest-host of the *Hugh Hewitt Show*. His final fight against cystic fibrosis began while hosting the show on a Friday night in the fall of 2008. Some of Dean's best columns:

An Overdue Reckoning (8 Nov 06)

The Real Story Scott Thomas Beauchamp and *The New Republic*. (27 July 07)

Obama the Ditherer Answering the question no one asked. (19 March 08)

Plagiarism! The sloppy hackery of the left. (29 March 08)

Diminishing Palin How the left will try. (31 Aug 08)

Already! An exegesis of the **bombshell audio** of Obama endorsing redistribution of wealth. And as you'd expect from Bill Whittle, it's a splendid one.

Shame, Cubed

Three separate reasons to be appalled, each more disgusting than the last.

by Bill Whittle, 27 Oct 2008

<http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=YmFhYzIzMGQ1Y2FIMTA4N2M1N2VmZWUzM2Y4ZmNmYmI=>

Obama nears the "now what?" moment

If elected, he'll likely, as he has done all his life, take the path of least resistance.

by Mark Steyn, 26 Oct 2008

...It would not be, as some naysayers scoff, "Jimmy Carter's second term," but something far more transformative. The new president would front the fourth great wave of liberal annexation – the first being FDR's

New Deal, the second LBJ's Great Society, and the third the incremental but remorseless cultural advance when Reagan conservatives began winning victories at the ballot box and liberals turned their attention to the other levers of the society, from grade school up. The terrorist educator William Ayers, Obama's patron in Chicago, is an exemplar of that most-recent model: 40 years ago, he was in favor of blowing up public buildings; then he figured out it was easier to get inside and undermine them from within.

All three liberal waves have transformed American expectations of the state. The spirit of the age is: Ask not what your country can do for you, demand it. Why can't the government sort out my health care? Why can't they pick up my mortgage?

In his first inaugural address, Calvin Coolidge said: "I favor the policy of economy, not because I wish to save money, but because I wish to save people." That's true in a more profound sense than he could have foreseen. In Europe, lavish social-democratic government has transformed citizens into eternal wards of the Nanny State: the bureaucracy's assumption of every adult responsibility has severed Continentals from the most basic survival impulse, to the point where unaffordable entitlements on shriveled birth rates have put a question mark over some of the oldest nation states on Earth. A vote for an Obama-Pelosi-Barney Frank-ACORN supermajority is a vote for a Europeanized domestic policy that is, as the eco-types like to say, "unsustainable."...

The entire column: <http://www.ocreger.com/articles/obama-most-one-2205757-world-people>

Power in hands of few replaces liberty for all

by John Kass, 26 Oct 2008

... While writing this I received one of those chain e-mails, but this one wasn't about a politician or the widow of the Nigerian oil minister. It was about how to catch wild pigs. I don't know if you could actually catch wild pigs this way, but it really doesn't matter. In this method, you throw bucketfuls of corn on the forest floor. The pigs eat the corn. A month later you put up one side of a fence and more corn. Eventually, the pigs return, get used to the fence and keep eating. And another side of fence and more corn and so on, until you close the gate and you've caught the pigs. They've lost their freedom. They can't figure out what's happened.

We're not pigs, we're Americans, rightfully worried about the economic future. But the times are changing, and the Boomers should consider the costs and consequences of what they're being offered by our politicians before the last side of the fence goes up.

Read it all: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/columnists/chi-kass-bd-boomersoct26,0,4031465.column>

His campaign promises don't balance. He will have to cut his new programs drastically, or tax you and me a lot more. Which would you bet on?

How's Obama Going to Raise \$4.3 Trillion?

The Democrat's tax and spending plans deserve closer examination.

by Alan Reynolds, 24 Oct 2008

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122480790550265061.html>

In a 2001 interview on Chicago Public Radio (WBEZ), Barack Obama is heard discussing the best way to bring about a redistribution of wealth. He wants to radically reinterpret the Constitution to accomplish his goals, and he strongly implies that the Founding Fathers were wrong. This exposes the radical beneath the rhetoric. Naturally, his response to this tape will be to calmly lie and say that he's being misinterpreted and victimized. He'll then tell us what a great free-market capitalist he is, prefacing his remarks with the words "As I've always said..."

The radical beneath the rhetoric: Obama transcript & audio from 2001

"...If you look at – um – the victories and failures of the civil rights movement – um – and it's litigation strategy in the court, I think where it succeeded was to vest formal rights in previously dispossessed peoples, so that I would now have the right to vote, I would now be able to sit at a lunch counter and order as long as I could pay for it I would be OK.

"But the Supreme Court never **ventured into the issues of redistribution of wealth** – and serve more basic issues of political and economic justice in this society. And – um – to that extent, as radical as I think people try to characterize the Warren Court – ah – it wasn't that radical. It didn't **break free from the essential constraints that were placed by the Founding Fathers** in the Constitution.

"At least as its been interpreted, and Warren Court interpreted it in the same way that – that generally the Constitution is a charter of negative liberties, says what the states can't do to you, says what the federal government can't do to you, but it doesn't say what the federal government or the state government must do on your behalf – ah – and that hasn't shifted.

"And one of the I think tragedies of the civil rights movement was – um – because the civil rights movement became so court-focused, I think that there was a tendency to lose track of the political and community organizing, and activities on the ground that are able to put together the actual coalitions of power **through which you bring about redistributive change**. And in some ways we still suffer from that..."

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iivL4c_3pck

<http://polijamblog.polijam.com/?p=1933>

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A centrist, 4th-generation journalist tells it like it is.

Media's Presidential Bias and Decline

Slanted Election Coverage and the Reasons Why.

by *Michael S. Malone*, 24 Oct 2008

<http://abcnews.go.com/print?id=6099188>

1976 Is Back

Obama as Carter.

by *Mark Moyar*, 24 Oct 2008

A newcomer to national politics, he claimed to transcend partisan labels. He moved to the center during the campaign, at a time when the Democrats held large congressional majorities. In a troubled economy, he told voters he would keep taxes down for most Americans, limit spending, and balance the budget, all while implementing ambitious social programs. He planned to cut military spending to free money for other purposes, but assured moderates and conservatives that when it came to America's enemies, he would be tougher than the Republicans. The media, droves of moderates, and some conservatives believed him, having pegged him as a man of character.

His name was Jimmy Carter, the year was 1976, and he won. His presidency helps us predict the likely results of an Obama victory in 2008...

...Obama's poll numbers will fall once Americans learn that his popular promises of 2008 have been supplanted in 2009 by actions that most Americans oppose.

Before casting a vote for Obama, Americans must consider the likelihood that he will follow the path of Jimmy Carter — that he will wreck the fragile economy by renegeing on promises to cut taxes and spending, that he will be tough on America's allies and soft on its enemies. The odds of Obama staying true to his current rhetoric are so poor that not even the boldest gambler should bet on it.

The whole thing: <http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=YTQ1ODVkJjc5ZDFkNzM3ZTc1ODc0Y2YxY2E0YWFKZGM>

McCain for President

by Charles Krauthammer, 24 Oct 2008

...The double standard here is stunning. Obama ran a scurrilous Spanish-language ad falsely associating McCain with anti-Hispanic slurs. Another ad falsely claimed McCain supports "cutting Social Security benefits in half." And for months Democrats insisted that McCain sought 100 years of war in Iraq.

McCain's critics are offended that he raised the issue of William Ayers. What's astonishing is that Obama was himself not offended by William Ayers. Moreover, the most remarkable of all tactical choices of this election season is the attack that never was. Out of extreme (and unnecessary) conscientiousness, McCain refused to raise the legitimate issue of Obama's most egregious association—with the race-baiting Rev. Jeremiah Wright. Dirty campaigning, indeed...

...Who do you want answering that phone at 3 a.m.? A man who's been cramming on these issues for the last year, who's never had to make an executive decision affecting so much as a city, let alone the world? A foreign policy novice instinctively inclined to the flabbiest, most vaporous multilateralism (e.g., the Berlin Wall came down because of "a world that stands as one"), and who refers to the most deliberate act of war since Pearl Harbor as "the tragedy of 9/11," a term more appropriate for a bus accident?

...Or do you want a man who is the most prepared, most knowledgeable, most serious foreign policy thinker in the United States Senate? A man who not only has the best instincts, but has the honor and the courage to, yes, put country first, as when he carried the lonely fight for the surge that turned Iraq from catastrophic defeat into achievable strategic victory?...I'm for the guy who can tell the lion from the lamb.

More: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/10/23/AR2008102302867_pf.html

Confirmed: MSM holds video Of Barack Obama attending Jew-Bash & toasting a former PLO operative... refuse to release the video!

by Gateway Pundit, 24 Oct 2008

Introduction: The LA Times is holding a video that shows Barack Obama celebrating with a group of Palestinians who are openly hostile towards Israel. Barack Obama even gives a toast to a former PLO operative at this celebration.

If the American public saw this side of Barack Obama he would never be elected president. But the media refuses to release this video...

The shocking rest: <http://gatewaypundit.blogspot.com/2008/10/confirmed-msm-holds-video-of-barack.html>

A terrific reminder of the stakes of the coming election. Can you imagine a situation where patriotic Americans would urge our troops to mutiny? There's a very specific one in here, though it's not presented in those terms.

Is America really going to do this?

by Melanie Phillips, 24 Oct 2008

...McCain believes in protecting and defending America as it is. Obama tells the world he is ashamed of America and wants to change it into something else. McCain stands for American exceptionalism, the belief that American values are superior to tyrannies. Obama stands for the expiation of America's original sin in oppressing black people, the third world and the poor.

Obama thinks world conflicts are basically the West's fault, and so it must right the injustices it has inflicted. That's why he believes in 'soft power' — diplomacy, aid, rectifying 'grievances' (thus legitimising them, encouraging terror and promoting injustice) and resolving conflict by talking. As a result, he will take an axe to America's defences at the very time when they need to be built up. He has said he will 'cut investments in unproven missile defense systems'; he will 'not weaponize space'; he will 'slow our development of future combat systems'; and he will also 'not develop nuclear weapons,' pledging to seek 'deep cuts' in America's arsenal, thus unilaterally disabling its nuclear deterrent as Russia and China engage in massive military buildups.

McCain understands that an Islamic war of conquest is being waged on a number of diverse fronts which all have to be seen in relation to each other. For Obama, however, the real source of evil in the world is America. The evil represented by Iran and the Islamic jihadists is apparently all America's fault. 'A lot of evil's been perpetuated based on the claim that we were fighting evil,' he said. Last May, he dismissed Iran as a tiny place which posed no threat to the US—before reversing himself the very next day when he said Iran was a great threat which had to be

defeated. He has also said that Hezbollah and Hamas have 'legitimate grievances.' Really? And what might they be? Their grievances are a) the existence of Israel b) its support by America c) the absence of salafist Islam in the world. Does Obama think these 'grievances' are legitimate?

To solve world conflict, Obama places his faith in the UN club of terror and tyranny...Obama has said he wants Israel to return to its 1967 borders – actually the strategically indefensible 1948 cease-fire line, known accordingly as the 'Auschwitz borders.'...Obama opposed the congressional resolution labelling the Iranian Revolutionary Guards a terrorist organization, which passed the Senate by a wide margin with support from both parties...

...Obama assumes that Islamic terrorism is driven by despair, poverty, inflammatory US policy and the American presence on Muslim soil in the Persian Gulf. Thus he adopts the agenda of the Islamists themselves...his advisers are overwhelmingly not only hostile to Israel but perpetrate the loathsome canard that Jews have too much power over American policy...

...Not only has Power has advocated the ending of all aid to Israel and redirecting it to the Palestinians, but she has spoken about the need to land a 'mammoth force' of US troops in Israel to protect the Palestinians from Israeli attempts at genocide (sic)—and has complained that criticism of Barack Obama all too often came down to what was 'good for the Jews.'

There are, alas, many in the West for whom all this is music to their ears. Whether through wickedness, ideology, stupidity or derangement, they firmly believe that the ultimate source of conflict in the world derives at root from America and Israel, whose societies, culture and values they want to see emasculated or destroyed altogether. They are drooling at the prospect that an Obama presidency will bring that...

Read the whole essay: <http://www.spectator.co.uk/melaniephillips/2545716/is-america-really-going-to-do-this.shtml>

Contains foul language

F.T.P.

by Don John, 26 Oct 2008

Dear Mr. Obama,

I don't make anything like \$250,000 a year. Not net, not even gross. But there is no reason to believe that a Democrat Congress will keep your tax increase threshold as high as that. And there is no reason to believe that you would veto a much lower threshold if the "wisdom" of Pelosi and Reid submitted one for your presidential signature.

So who do you want to "spread the wealth around" to? The poor? There are no poor people in America. As a number of foreigners have noted, America is the country where the "poor" people are fat, and have cars, cell phones, and TV sets. The truly destitute who have none of those things are mostly drug addicts, alcoholics, and lazy louts and layabouts who think the world owes them a living.

Social justice? I can feel the vomit rising in my gorge. There is no social justice in taking money from me and giving it to someone else. The only social justice is *freedom*.

"Spreading the wealth around" really means spreading the poverty around. Seventy years of Soviet communism are eloquent proof of that. So are five years of LBJ, six of Nixon, and four of Carter. Look at prosperous South Korea. Now look at North Korea, ravaged by years of socialist policies under a Dear Leader whose egotistical style you seem to emulate. Look back just twenty years, and see how Germany's four decades of partition ended up: the capitalist West, successful and powerful, and the socialist East, a failed state if ever there was one.

You say that poor people in one of the Democrats' favorite constituencies, Other Countries, need my help? Poor foreigners have no claim on my money either. They are the responsibility of their own countries and cultures. If they want less poverty, they should become more capitalist. Look at China.

Besides, we can't just give handouts to poor foreigners. Their kleptocrat socialist overlords keep the money for themselves. Look at the United Nations' disastrous "Oil for Food" program. You say you have a better program? Sure. Oil for Food was supposed to be a better program, too. Socialists always say their next freedom-crushing scheme will *really* work.

You say my money must be confiscated to help stop global warming? There is no global warming. It is a scam, a sham, and a hoax concocted as cover for more socialist interference in the lives of free people.

When a politician says he's going to take my money and give it to other people, I have just two things to say to him.

Fuck those people. And fuck you.

Florida Newscaster Grills Biden on Obama's Marxist Ideology

Barbara West, of WFTV (Ch.9) in Orlando, made her mark as a courageous and responsible journalist on October 23 when she pressed Joseph Biden to explain the difference between Barack Obama and Karl Marx. And Bob Jordan, the station's news director, earns plaudits for his total support for Ms. West.

The story: http://blogs.orlandosentinel.com/entertainment_tv_tvblog/2008/10/obama-campaign.html

The video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQXcImQfubM>

Obama Staffers Pull Their Bogus Ohio Ballots

by Jeane MacIntosh, 25 Oct 2008

Thirteen campaign workers for Barack Obama yesterday yanked their voter registrations and ballots in Ohio after being warned by a prosecutor that temporary residents can't vote in the battleground state...

http://www.nypost.com/seven/10252008/news/politics/bam_staffers_pull_their_bogus_ohio_ballot_135152.htm

Why I am voting a straight Democratic ticket (Hat tip: Steve C.)

21 Oct 2008

I'm voting Democrat because I'm way too irresponsible to own a gun, and I know that my local police are all I need to protect me from murderers and thieves.

I'm voting Democrat because I love the fact that I can now marry whatever I want. I've decided to marry my horse.

I'm voting Democrat because I believe oil companies' profits of 4% on a gallon of gas are obscene but the government taxing the same gallon of gas at 15% isn't.

I'm voting Democrat because I believe the government will do a better job of spending the money I earn than I would.

I'm voting Democrat because freedom of speech is fine as long as nobody is offended by it.

I'm voting Democrat because when we pull out of Iraq I trust that the bad guys will stop what they're doing because they now think we're good people.

I'm voting Democrat because I believe that people who can't tell us if it will rain on Friday CAN tell us that the polar ice caps will melt away in ten years if I don't start driving a Prius.

I'm voting Democrat because I believe that business should not be allowed to make profits for themselves. They need to break even and give the rest away to the government for redistribution as THEY see fit.

I'm voting Democrat because I believe liberal judges need to rewrite the Constitution every few days to suit some fringe kooks who would NEVER get their agendas past the voters.

I'm voting Democrat because my head is so firmly planted up my posterior it's unlikely that I'll ever have another point of view.'

"A liberal is a person who will give away everything they don't own."

—William F. Carling

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The Obama (Stock Market) Discount May Be Real

by James Pethokoukis, 23 Oct 2008

...maybe the future political landscape is finally playing a greater role in the minds of investors, especially with polls showing a possible landslide Obama win and big Democratic congressional majorities. Is it really more plausible to suggest no effect whatsoever from a possible once-a-generation, political sea change, especially one that moves away from **the winning economic formula of the past 25 years** ?

Obama wants to **raise capital gains taxes** on a good chunk of the money currently in the market...So the whole stock market will suffer from a sort of collective tax punishment...

...Or how about this idea to **do away with 401(k) plans**. Maybe the risk of a deluge of ill-conceived ideas is apparently why, according to my pal Amity Shlaes, split power in D.C. produces an **average 9 percent positive return for stocks vs. a negative 8 percent** when one party holds Congress and the White House...

...Then there's the Great Experiment of 2009. In 1980, anxious Americans voted for lower taxes and smaller government as the solution to the nation's economic ills. Would the opposite prescription also have led to a 25-year economic boom? With Obamanomics, voters may be about to play a fascinating game of "what if." Except it's for real. When Goldman Sachs ran a sophisticated economic simulation of the effect of a total repeal of the Bush tax cuts, the computer predicted a 3 percentage-point drop in GDP. Maybe investors fear that with perhaps a trillion-dollar budget gap ahead, revenue-hungry Dems will raise taxes further than Team Obama is suggesting—right into the teeth of a weak economy. What if, indeed.

More: <http://www.usnews.com/blogs/capital-commerce/2008/10/23/the-obama-stock-market-discount-may-be-real.html>

Why I Voted For The Bailout

by Tom Coburn , 22 Oct 2008

...The genesis of this crisis was not "capitalism run wild," either party or any administration, but political greed and incompetence among members of Congress in both parties. Politicians wanted short-term political credit for providing "affordable" home ownership even if that meant putting our entire economy at risk by encouraging people to buy homes they couldn't afford. When a few members sounded warnings about dangerous lending practices at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, politicians chose to ignore the problem and distract themselves with their parochial pursuits and pork-barrel projects.

To use a medical analogy from my own background as a physician, Congress' political greed introduced an embolism (the housing bubble) into the economy's circulatory system (credit markets). I voted for the rescue package because I believed it was more important to prevent a potentially fatal heart attack or stroke than to teach the patient a lesson. I had, and have, serious reservations about the constitutional and otherwise long-term policy implications of handing the Treasury secretary extraordinary powers. Yet, I believe this was a necessary step...

...Bad actors on Wall Street simply exploited the negligence and incompetence of a Congress that was more than happy to look the other way while Fannie Mae and Freddie Mae turned bad loans into short-term political capital for politicians seeking re-election...Had members of Congress been demonstrating such loyalty to the Constitution all along, we wouldn't have a \$10 trillion debt, nor would we have distorted the housing market with a perverse model of private profit and public risk...

...One undeniable fact is that Congress wastes hundreds of billions every year—at least \$300 billion, or 10% of our budget—that could be eliminated without the average American even being able to tell the difference...

The whole thing: http://www.forbes.com/opinions/2008/10/21/senate-bailout-vote-oped-cx_tc_1022coburn.html

The Coming Obama Thugocracy: Part II

Group asks IRS to investigate Catholic bishop against Obama

by Daniel Burke, Religion News Service, 22 Oct 2008

...In a letter sent to the IRS on Wednesday, Americans United for Separation of Church and State accused Paterson Bishop Arthur Serratelli of illegal partisanship for lambasting Obama's support of abortion...

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2008-10-22-irs-catholic-obama_N.htm

But the Americans United for Separation of Church and State Banishing God From Every Aspect of American Life had no problem with 20 years of hateful, racist, anti-American rants from the "Reverend" Jeremiah Wright.

The Unholy Triumvirate

by George Neumayr, 22 Oct 2008

...The extent to which the 1960s counter-culture has become the culture and 1960s anti-Americanism become the new patriotism is amazing. That's why Obama could launch his political career in the living room of a domestic terrorist and pay almost no price for it. As Chris Matthews lectured Pat Buchanan on Hardball last Friday night, Ayers was a terrorist with a worthy motivation: he bombed the Pentagon because he wanted America out of Vietnam, a blameless goal indeed. Under the Left's tortured understanding of the new patriotism, even Jeremiah Wright is pro-American: his fulminations had the purpose of drawing America into the light.

Patriotism is now measured not by respect for the conservatism contained in the Declaration of Independence and Constitution but by the level of one's enthusiasm for the America to come...

...Under the unholy triumvirate of Obama, Pelosi, and Reid, good Americans will be expected to entrust their economy to redistributionists, their defense to pacifists, and their culture to proponents of abortion and gay marriage. Expect a crisis within six months should Obama win, promises Joe Biden. Perhaps he is right, but the first one is more likely to be domestic than international.

The entire essay: <http://www.spectator.org/archives/2008/10/22/the-unholy-triumvirate>

Flawed Thinking

Why pro-life Catholic intellectuals are wrong to back Obama.

by George Weigel, 23 Oct 2008

...The public record amply demonstrates that Senator Obama is not the abortion moderate of our professors' imagination, but a genuine abortion radical...

...The full implementation of the most radical interpretation of *Roe* would seem to be the goal of Obama's support for the federal Freedom of Choice Act [FOCA], which, by stripping Catholic doctors of "conscience clause" protections currently in state laws, would put thousands of Catholic physicians in jeopardy...

...How is it possible to square a concern for women in crisis with support of the presidential candidate who favors ending the modest federal funding some of those crisis pregnancy centers now receive? How is it "pro-life" to support a presidential candidate who is publicly committed to requiring any federal legislation in support of pregnant women to include promotion of abortion? At a certain point along this trajectory, I fear, we are through the looking glass and into the White Queen's world of impossible things before breakfast...

...There are times when bishops are morally required to be "divisive," as when Catholic bishops deliberately "divided" their flocks on the question of the segregation of Catholic schools by excommunicating segregationists. The truth of the matter, alas, is that most Catholic politicians are woefully ill-informed about the moral logic of the Catholic Church's teaching on the life issues, which is not a moral logic for Catholics only...

...As for the Supreme Court, the hard facts of our national history teach us that, while the country can survive the court's getting it wrong on some things, we are in very deep trouble when the court gets it wrong on the big human rights questions...

...As a former Democrat who left the party after it left former Pennsylvania governor Robert Casey out in the cold at the 1992 convention, I deeply regret the fact that the once-traditional political home of U.S. Catholics has embraced policy positions on the life issues that offend both Catholic faith and everyone's reason. I would welcome a new openness to pro-life argumentation and policy in the Democratic Party...

Read the whole thing: <http://www.newsweek.com/id/165045>

Mr. Kirchick, an assistant editor at *The New Republic* (!), assails the rabid hypocrisy of Colin Powell, Hendrik Hertzberg, Frank Rich, Paul Krugman, *The Nation*, Joe Klein, Keith Olbermann, Naomi Wolf, and the Huffington Post, among others.

Who are left-wing haters to point fingers at John McCain?

by James Kirchick, 21 Oct 2008

... While it may be true that some in the conservative fever swamps have resorted to ugly tactics, they don't hold a candle to the left's rhetoric over the past eight years...

All of it: http://www.nydailynews.com/opinions/2008/10/21/2008-10-21_who_are_leftwing_haters_to_point_fingers-2.html

Stock markets around the world have been falling because they fear Obama's feckless, anti-capitalist policies.

An Obama Panic?

by Charles Gasparino, 13 Oct 2008

... The country is headed for recession; the only question is: Just how low can the markets and economy go? It could be a *lot* lower—it all depends on the policies of the next president. And, as it looks increasingly likely that Obama will be that man, the markets are casting a vote of "no confidence."

... Recently, Obama said he wants to expedite loans to small businesses, so he seems to have a clue that they produce much of the country's job growth. Yet his income-tax hike on upper brackets will hit vast numbers of small businesses—they'd face the highest rates they've seen in decades. Overall, his plan includes some of the most lethal tax increases imaginable, including a jump in the capital-gains rate. He'd expand government spending massively, with everything from new public-works projects to increases in foreign aid to a surge in Afghanistan—plus hand out a token \$500 welfare check that he calls a tax cut to everyone else.

This is clearly the wrong way to go in the wake of an economic meltdown—yet Obama, for all his talk of how willing he is to compromise, of how he'd bring people together, is sticking to his tax guns. I know at least one top Wall Street executive, an Obama supporter from the start of his campaign, who has recently urged Obama to rethink his tax plan... But if Obama *is* rethinking, he's not saying. As his running mate, Joe Biden tells us that it's patriotic to pay higher taxes, Obama remains committed to squeezing businesses even if the recession grows...

... From his days as a community activist, to his years in the Illinois Senate and now his brief time in the US Senate, he has shown little inclination to deviate from his party's tax-and-spend orthodoxy. And if he governs like a liberal ideologue—with a belief that the government that works best is the one that's biggest and raises taxes the most—he won't even have to work hard to get his way. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid won't stop him—the Democratic majorities in Congress are only likely to grow. And the markets know this—even if pundits (even many of the financial ones) refuse to face it...

More: http://www.nypost.com/seven/10132008/postopinion/opedcolumnists/an_obama_panic__133374.htm

Sheer brilliance, from a financial wizard:

How Capitalism Will Save Us

by Steve Forbes, 23 Oct 2008 (10 Nov issue)

<http://www.forbes.com/home/forbes/2008/1110/018.html>

Small Business Not Safe From Obama Tax

by Ralph R. Reiland, 22 Oct 2008

<http://www.ibdeditorials.com/IBDArticles.aspx?id=309565448930564>



(Hat tip: Tony C.)

video: John Stossel's Guide to Politics

aired 17 Oct 2008

In six parts. Available at **ABC** (better resolution) or **YouTube**.

All is forgiven, Doctor K!

Charles Krauthammer Released from Don John's Brig

Gives searing psychological analysis of Palin-Haters

Special Report With Brit Hume, 22 Oct 2008

... What's remarkable about the reaction to Palin is not only the unfavorable. It's the loathing, the absolute hatred that you hear, especially from intellectuals, feminists, sort of east coast, west coast, pointy headed...

... This had a pedigree. It didn't just start. In the '80's, you had the Margaret Thatcher and Jeane Kirkpatrick who were considered because they were not liberal, they were conservative. They were actually — it was said of them as has been said of Sarah Palin, they were not women because you couldn't be. If you were a conservative you were, by definition, a patriarchal thug. And if you happened to be a woman, it was simply in women's threads... The viciousness with which she was attacked as a contradiction in terms, a conservative woman.

In Palin's case, I think what adds to it is her decision at her age with four other children to have a Down Syndrome child. This, too, as Joseph Epstein wrote, in feminist circles if abortion is not about this, what's it about?

And they look at her as sort of a back room — a backwater hick, who, for religious reasons, went ahead and had a child that they would never have.

Underneath it, I think, deep underneath it, I think it's a self-loathing on the part of these feminists, knowing that what she did is virtuous and a generous act that they would have never have undertaken. And her having undertaken it is an affront to them, a silent rebuke...

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,443751,00.html>

Cafeteria "Catholics" and Human Dignity

by August West, 23 Oct 2008

I continue to find the trend of cafeteria "Catholics" who **support pro-abortion politicians** to be mind-boggling.

First, the auxiliary bishop quoted at length in E.J. Dionne's article is not what you would call an orthodox Catholic bishop.

Second, he repeats the classic (but illogical) dissenting Catholic line: sure abortion is wrong, but candidates who say they promote more social programs to help the poor, downtrodden, etc... will help to bring about a culture where abortions become less common.

This is fallacious. First, candidates like Obama et al., support legislatively abortion-on-demand, without restriction. Second, dissenting Catholics misinterpret what are referred to as the non-negotiable issues: abortion, embryonic stem-cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, and homosexual "unions." Traditional Catholic teaching holds that these issues deal with the essential and fundamental core of humanity, the essence of life itself. The evil of these outweigh any other evil. Politicians who try to assert like Clinton did (make abortion safe, legal, and rare) are trying to put a band-aid on a patient who is hemorrhaging.

It is not making the Catholic Church a "single-issue" voice. Rather, faithful adherence to the five non-negotiable issues means that one accepts what the Church is teaching about the very sanctity of life.

It doesn't matter how many programs for the poor one establishes. If Obama thinks that it is fine to kill babies in the womb or the petri dish, or to let grandpa die at the hands of a dignified suicide assistant, then he is not capable of seeing every single person as having absolute unassailable dignity. There will always be his ability to see some people as disposable. And as long as he sees people this way, he's not going to get it right on how to treat the poor.

Representative Michele Bachmann (R-MN) is a great conservative. She has come under fire recently, for telling the truth about Barack Obama's connections to Ayers, Wright, Khalidi, and Rezko. She's been called a McCarthyite. Ooooh! The Minnesota media blast her on a daily basis, and her moonbat opponent has flooded the airwaves with attack-ads. To fight the lies, Rep. Bachmann needs our help. I gave last night. Can you help her now?

<http://michelebachmann.com/contribute.php>

The 'Shrinking' Pie? The 'Generated Crisis'? Explaining the Bizarre Polls

by Hugh Hewitt, 22 Oct 2008

<http://hughhewitt.townhall.com/blog/g/c5f13736-7ad6-4f65-997f-77424562ab8d>

It's a fascinating column. And at the end, Hugh [links](#) to this data. So much for Obama's claim of a "shrinking pie." The Bush years have been a time of remarkable growth and prosperity.

	<u>GDP (in billions)</u>	<u>GDP in 2000 Dollars</u>
2000	9708.4	9708.4
2001	10040.7	9811.1
2002	10373.4	9966.8
2003	10828.3	10192.3
2004	11466.0	10597.0
2005	12042.4	10938.7
2006	12641.1	11190.8
2007	13279.1	11877.4

And there are *lots* of interesting charts and tables. This one is near the top. If you listen to the Dems and the MSM (never a good idea), you'd think military spending had ballooned over the years, to the detriment of benefits like health and Social Security. Here's the truth:

SELECTED FEDERAL OUTLAYS (as percentage of GDP)						
<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008*</u>
National Defense	9.208	8.063	4.904	5.219	3.030	3.349
Social Security	2.527	2.988	4.339	4.335	4.213	4.304
Medicare	0.000	0.613	1.175	1.710	2.028	2.541
Health	0.211	0.583	0.848	1.006	1.590	2.434
Net Interest	1.212	1.419	1.923	3.214	2.294	1.848
Other Outlays(1)	5.633	5.644	8.441	6.365	5.250	5.236
Total Outlays	18.790	19.310	21.630	21.849	18.405	19.711

Now read Hugh's column: <http://hughhewitt.townhall.com/blog/g/c5f13736-7ad6-4f65-997f-77424562ab8d>

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Rashid Khalidi, Obama's Palestinian pal

by Martin Kramer 20 October 2008

http://sandbox.blog-city.com/rashid_khalidi_obama_pal.htm

Golly!

Why would Dear Leader Obama be reading a book called *The Post-American World*?

Maybe it's because he's a transnationalist treasonweasel.



(Hat tip: Garry E.)

Hatin' Palin

by Daniel Henninger, 23 Oct 2008

The abuse being heaped on Sarah Palin is such a cheap shot. The complaint against the Alaska governor, at its most basic, is that she doesn't qualify for admission to the national political fraternity. Boy, that's rich. Behold the shabby frat house that says it's above her pay grade. . .

...If as Joe Biden suggests the U.S. is likely to be tested by a foreign enemy next year, who of the following would you rather have dealing with it in the Oval Office: Nancy (of Damascus) Pelosi, Harry Reid, John Edwards, Joe (the U.S. drove Hezbollah out of Lebanon) Biden, Mike Huckabee, Geraldine Ferraro, Tom DeLay, Jimmy Carter or Sarah Palin?

My pick? Gov. Palin, surely the most grounded, common-sense person on that list of prime-time politicians. . .

Read the rest: http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2008/10/hatin_palin.html

Charles Johnson hit the nail on the head: "It's just something that sort of *happens*, I guess, and the media reports on it like they report everything else, without any sense of responsibility or embarrassment. Then they go right back to writing hit pieces."

Study: McCain coverage mostly negative

by Michael Calderone, 23 Oct 2008

...Just 14 percent of the stories about John McCain, from the conventions through the final presidential debate, were positive in tone, according to a study released today, while nearly 60 percent were negative — the least favorable coverage of any of the four candidates on the two tickets.

The study, by The Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism, a nonpartisan journalism watchdog organization, examined 2,412 stories from 43 newspapers and cable news shows in the six-week period beginning just after the conventions and ending with the final presidential debate...

Lest you think the study was commissioned by the RNC:

...So do these numbers reveal a pro-Obama bias? Not necessarily, according to the study's authors... [ROFL!]
<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/1008/14829.html>

It really is comprehensive—and excellent. Section headings: Abortion, Taxes, Radical Associations, Foreign Policy Judgment, Disdain for the Heartland, The Race Card, Lack of Accomplishments, and Summation. And it includes 26 (twenty-six!) videos.

The Comprehensive Argument Against Barack Obama

by Guy Benson, Mary Katharine Ham, and Ed Morrissey, 22 Oct 2008

<http://hotair.com/archives/2008/10/21/the-comprehensive-argument-against-barack-obama/>

An upcoming book by Obama's terrorist friends Ayers & Dohrn. They're waiting until after the election.

Race Course Against White Supremacy

http://www.amazon.com/Race-Course-Against-White-Supremacy/dp/088378291X/ref=cm_sw_em_r_dp_title_featured?ie=UTF8&tag=tellafriend-20

This is one of the best pieces ever written about journalism, and it may well be *the* defining analysis of the current presidential campaign. Mr. Card, by the way, is a Democrat.

Would the Last Honest Reporter Please Turn On the Lights?

by Orson Scott Card, 9 Oct 2008

[http://greensboro.rhinotimes.com/Articles-i-2008-10-09-](http://greensboro.rhinotimes.com/Articles-i-2008-10-09-185828.112113_Would_the_Last_Honest_Reporter_Please_Turn_On_the_Lights.html)

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By happy coincidence, another superlative column: the best one I've read *this year* on the subject.

Let Us All Rebuild the Respectable Society

by Charles Moore, 18 Oct 2008

...If you become respectable, the conventions operate in your favour. Your neighbours can see that you work hard, that your children are polite, that you turn up when you say you will, and so they trust and like and help you more. A virtuous circle is created.

Respectability also empowers those who wish to rise in the world. If you start with nothing, you cannot rise in a rigid class system, or in one controlled by the state.

But if society values certain human qualities, you can rise by exhibiting them. If you prove yourself diligent, honest, friendly, etc, people tend to give you your chance. "Smart boy wanted," job advertisements in shop windows used to say. The phrase comes from an era when respectability mattered. Now it would be illegal...

...if we do not re-grow respectable social institutions and habits, with their necessary balance of carrot and stick, the state will attempt the equivalent, in its uniquely brutal, freedom-crushing way...

Read the whole thing: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/main.jhtml?xml=/opinion/2008/10/18/do1803.xml>

Something New Here

Radical? Check. Tied to ACORN? Check. Redistributionist? Check.

by Stanley Kurtz, 20 Oct 2008

During his first campaign for the Illinois state senate in 1995-96, Barack Obama was a member of, and was

endorsed by, the far-left New Party. Obama's New Party ties give the lie to his claim to be a post-partisan, post-ideological pragmatist. Particularly in Chicago, the New Party functioned as the electoral arm of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). So despite repeated attempts to distance himself from ACORN, Obama's New Party ties raise disturbing questions about his links to those proudly militant leftists. The media's near-total silence on this critical element of Obama's past is deeply irresponsible...

...To get a sense of where the New Party stood politically, consider some of its early supporters: Barbara Dudley of Greenpeace; Steve Cobble, political director of Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Coalition; prominent academics like Frances Fox Piven, coauthor of the "**Cloward-Piven strategy**" and a leader of the drive for the "motor-voter" legislation Obama later defended in court on behalf of ACORN; economist **Juliet Schor**; black historian **Manning Marable**; historian **Howard Zinn**; linguist **Noam Chomsky**; **Todd Gitlin**; and writers like **Gloria Steinem** and **Barbara Ehrenreich**. Socialist? Readers can draw their own conclusions...

There's a lot more:

<http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=OTc3NzZkZDYxODZiZjE2OTg5YWVmNDkzM2U0YTIwZGQ=&w=MA==>

Beth Nudelman, a Democrat, was the owner of the fish. Her excuse is lame.

Dead goldfish offered the vote in Illinois

by *Carla K. Johnson (AP)*, 21 Oct 2008

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20081021/ap_on_el_st_lo/voter_registration_goldfish

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Soldiers' Angels

Marine Defense Fund

Wounded Warrior Project

Fisher House: help military families

America Supports You

SUPPORT OUR CANDIDATES

John McCain for President

Senator Norm Coleman (R-MN)

(vs. the lying tax-cheat, Al Franken)

Col. Allen West for Congress (R-FL 22)

RNC: for all Republicans

HARD-HITTING VIDEOS

McCain campaign

American Issues Project

Texas GOP

Meet Barack Obama

"A politician is never more dangerous than in the midst of a commotion in which myth replaces reality."

—*Alvaro Vargas Llosa*, 8 Oct 2008

video: **[William Ayers: Obama's friend, still a terrorist and a Communist at heart.](#)**

video: **[Black Liberation Theology: Obama, member of a racist church for 1,000 Sundays.](#)**

video: **["I'm Voting Democrat"](#)**

video: **[Democrats are the "family" and "conscience" of Fannie Mae](#)**

video: **[Obama Nation: the freedom-hating thugs who have shaped Obama's worldview.](#)**

Joe Biden's Fears

New York Post editorial, 21 Oct 2008

Joe Biden wonders whether Barack Obama is qualified to be commander-in-chief.

"Mark my words," Biden warned Sunday at a Democratic fund-raiser. "It will not be six months [after the inauguration] before the world tests Barack Obama like they did John Kennedy." Then he added, "Watch. We're going to have an international crisis, a generated crisis, to test the mettle of this guy."

Now, here's where it gets scary. Obama's "gonna need your help to use your influence within the community to stand with him. Because it's not gonna be apparent initially, it's not gonna be apparent that we're right."

He's going to need *help*? Terrific...

Read the rest: http://www.nypost.com/seven/10212008/postopinion/editorials/joe_bidens_fears_134618.htm

Get Ready for the New New Deal

Obama is much more dangerous to economic freedom than FDR.

by *Paul H. Rubin*, 21 Oct 2008

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122455099434052597.html>

The media vs. Joe the Plumber

Joe the Plumber asked a sensible question. Why is he being attacked and belittled?

by *Jonah Goldberg*, 21 Oct 2008

... We each have our own idea of the American dream. Joe the Plumber's is to own a small plumbing company; yours might be something else entirely. In America, that's fine, because the pursuit of happiness is an individual, not a collective, right. Obama's "America's promise," meanwhile, harkens back a century to the writings of such progressives as Herbert Croly (author of *The Promise of American Life*), who demonized individualism while sanctifying collective action overseen by the state...

... Obama's explanation to Joe the Plumber that we need to "spread the wealth around" is a sincere and significant expression of his worldview, with roots stretching back to his church and his days as a community organizer.

Millions of Americans don't share this vision. They don't see the economy as a pie, whereby your slice can only get bigger if someone else's gets smaller. They don't begrudge the wealthy their wealth; they only ask to be given the same opportunities. They look at countries such as France and, rather than envy their socialized medicine and short workweeks, they fear their joblessness and tax policies that punish entrepreneurialism. People like Tito Munoz look at America and see an open path to their own American dream...

Read it all. It's brilliant: <http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-oe-goldberg21-2008oct21,0,4288642.column>

America's Ten Poorest Cities (Hat tip: Steve C.)

Here's what the ten cities with the highest poverty rate have in common:

1. Detroit hasn't elected a Republican mayor since 1961.
2. Buffalo hasn't elected a Republican mayor since 1954.
3. Cincinnati hasn't elected a Republican mayor since 1984.
4. Cleveland hasn't elected a Republican mayor since 1989.
5. Miami has never had a Republican mayor.
6. St. Louis hasn't elected a Republican mayor since 1949.
7. El Paso has never had a Republican mayor.
8. Milwaukee hasn't elected a Republican mayor since 1908.
9. Philadelphia hasn't elected a Republican mayor since 1952.
10. Newark hasn't elected a Republican mayor since 1907.

source:

"The poverty of Democrats' ideas for cities," by Glenn Beck, 21 Aug 2008

<http://www.cnn.com/2008/POLITICS/08/20/beck.cities/index.html>

America the Weak

by *Ralph Peters*, 20 Oct 2008

If Senator Barack Obama is elected president...

... **NATO**. The brave young democracies of Central and Eastern Europe will be gravely discouraged, while the appeasers in Western Europe will again have the upper hand. Putin will be allowed to do what he wants. **The Kurds**. An Obama administration will abandon our only true allies between Tel Aviv and Tokyo. **Democracy activists**. Around the world, regressive regimes will intensify their suppression—and outright murder—of dissidents who risk their lives for freedom and justice. An Obama administration will say all the right things, but do nothing.

Women's rights. If you can't vote in U.S. elections, sister, you're screwed. Being stoned to death or buried alive is just a cultural thing. **Journalists**. American journalists who've done everything they can to elect Barack Obama can watch as regimes around the world imprison, torture and murder their foreign colleagues, confident that the U.S. has entered an era of impotence. The crocodile tears in newsrooms will provide drought relief to the entire southeastern United States...

Lots more: http://www.nypost.com/seven/10202008/postopinion/opedcolumnists/america_the_weak_134398.htm

Joe the Plumber is joined by pro-capitalist Americans like Tito Munoz (born in Colombia) and Connie (born in

Antigua).

John McCain and an Army of Joes

The real anger at McCain's rallies.

by *Byron York*, 20 Oct 2008

<http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=NWRhZDE1ODdiYzRiMzcyMWM5NzNjMWMxMDQ1ZDRkYzI=>

Record vs. Rhetoric

by *Thomas Sowell*, 18 Oct 2008

...Sarah Palin has had executive experience—and the White House is the executive branch of government. We don't have to judge her by her rhetoric because she has a record.

We don't know what Barack Obama will actually do because he has actually done very little for which he was personally accountable. Even as a state legislator, he voted "present" innumerable times instead of taking a stand one way or the other on tough issues.

"Clean up the mess in Washington"? He was part of the mess in Chicago and lined up with the Daley machine against reformers. He is also part of the mess in Washington, not only with numerous earmarks, but also as the Senate's second largest recipient of money from Fannie Mae, and someone whose campaign has this year sought the advice of disgraced former Fannie Mae CEO Franklin Raines, who was at the heart of the subprime crisis...

...Much is made of Senator Joe Biden's "experience." But Frederick the Great said that experience matters only when valid conclusions are drawn from it. Senator Biden's "experience" has been a long history of being on the wrong side of issue after issue in foreign policy. He was one of those Senators who voted to pull the plug on financial aid to South Vietnam, which was still defending itself from Communist invaders after the pullout of American troops. Biden opposed Ronald Reagan's military buildup that helped win the Cold War. He opposed the surge in Iraq last year...

Read it all: <http://www.creators.com/opinion/thomas-sowell/record-versus-rhetoric.html>

Lexus Vandalized Due To McCain Sticker

Tampa Tribune, 18 Oct 2008

http://www2.tbo.com/content/2008/oct/18/owner-believes-lexus-vandalized-due-mccain-sticker/c_2/#comments

Whose house-servant is he now? (Hat tip: Tony C.)

Uncle Tom Powell Stumps for Massah Bush

by *Soj*, 12 April 2004

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2004/4/12/183155/559>

Put on some big boy pants and quit whining!

—*Howard Ino*, 24 June 2008

Liberals are famously tolerant. They're *so* accepting and understanding of America-hating preachers, unrepentant domestic terrorists, anti-capitalist dictators, and mobsters who launder money for leftist causes. Most would like to normalize every sexual practice under the sun. Huge numbers of them favor every possible form of abortion, including the euphemistically-named "partial birth" version which for thousands of years was called infanticide.

The mainstream media (*New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, Associated Press, Reuters, ABC, NBC, CBS, PMSNBC, CNN, NPR, PBS, et cetera) has relentlessly opposed George W. Bush for the past eight years and told countless lies about him, his party, and his policies. But he never tried to silence their freedom of speech—not even when the NYT **revealed** state secrets connected with **national security**. When Bush's popularity was at its height, he probably could have made some moves in that direction. But he knew that would be a violation of the First Amendment. So instead, back then, all we heard was a constant drone from liberal celebrities like Tim Robbins, Natalie Maines, and Michael Moore about the "chilling effect" on free speech that was posed by citizens who chose to boycott their products.

Liberals will tolerate just about anything—except disagreement with their own opinions and policies. Now they're getting ready to use an expected Congressional super-majority to shut down conservative talk radio, and leave television, newspapers, and magazines (media dominated by liberal viewpoints) free to say any rubbish they choose.

In 1949, when the Orwellianly-named **Fairness Doctrine** was originally instituted, it was all about regulating what was (at that time) a limited commodity: the "public airwaves." There were only so many frequencies for the broadcast of radio and television, and it seemed reasonable to ensure that these precious resources were not abused.

But technology has long since overtaken that argument and rendered it meaningless. Cables, satellites, and telephone lines now transmit audio, video, photos, and text in ways that were unimaginable in 1949, and scarcely more so in 1979.

Government still has the right to control the *allocation* of radio frequencies, in order to preserve clarity of signals. It has the right to regulate the public streets, too, in order to assure safety and freedom of movement. But it has no more right to regulate broadcast content than it would have a right to regulate the content of newspapers and magazines which, after all, are distributed and delivered via the public streets.

—Don John, 20 Oct 2008

Dems Get Set to Muzzle the Right

by Brian C. Anderson, 20 Oct 2008

http://www.nypost.com/php/pfriendly/print.php?url=http://www.nypost.com/seven/10202008/postopinion/opedcolumnists/dems_get_set_to_muzzle_the_right_134399.htm

Crossing Paths Daily:

Obama and Ayers Shared an Office For Three Years

<http://www.verumserum.com/?p=2907>

Soros-Funded Pair Running Obama Transition Team

by Jammie Wearing Fool, 18 Oct 2008

<http://jammiewearingfool.blogspot.com/2008/10/soros-funded-pair-running-obama.html>

Barack Obama's review of William Ayers' book

by Zombie, 18 Oct 2008

On December 21, 1997, Barack Obama wrote a short review of William Ayers' book *A Kind and Just Parent: The Children of Juvenile Court*, which had recently been published by Beacon Press. Here's a photo of how the review appeared in the *Chicago Tribune*...

It's genuine: <http://www.zombietime.com/zomblog/?p=64>

It's funny that the same mainstream media that examines Sarah Palin and Joe Wurzelbacher with a fine-tooth comb, and has people spying on them 24/7, can't be bothered with investigating the likes of William Ayers, Bernadine Dohrn, ACORN, and Rashid Khalidi. And then there are the "conservatives" who view Sarah and Joe as somehow beneath them—probably because they've been shamed by their chic leftist Beltway buddies and Manhattan cocktail confreres. So to hell with David Brooks. To hell with Peggy Noonan. To hell with George F. Will. To hell with Kathleen Parker. To hell with Charles Krauthammer. To hell with Heather MacDonald. And to hell with Christopher Hitchens too, even though he's never claimed to be a conservative. On Friday, Laura Ingraham spent her whole show ripping these silk-stocking country-club *poseurs*, and celebrating Joe the Plumber. God bless Laura, and Iowahawk too.

I Am Joe

by Iowahawk, 17 Oct 2008

First, a pre-emptive apology for the intentional non-humor to follow. I promise that all future non-humor will be strictly unintentional.

We've all witnessed a lot of insanity in American politics over the last few years. Up until the last few days, none of it has seriously bothered me; hey, just more grist for the satire mill. But after witnessing the media's blitzkreig on Joe 'the Plumber' Wurzelbacher, I can only muster anger, and no small amount of fear...

Read on: <http://iowahawk.typepad.com/iowahawk/2008/10/i-am-joe.html>

Joe The Plumber: Obama Tax Plan 'Infuriates Me'

by *Teddy Davis*, 16 Oct 2008

... "To be honest with you, that infuriates me," plumber Joe Wurzelbacher told Nightline's Terry Moran. "It's not right for someone to decide you made too much—that you've done too good and now we're going to take some of it back. That's just completely wrong."...

More: <http://blogs.abcnews.com/politicalradar/2008/10/joe-the-plumber.html>

Encounters in Afghanistan, including some Taliban connections. Lots of remarkable photos. Some of them contain clues to the ambush that killed 10 French soldiers on August 18, in a battle for the Uzbin Valley.

The Road to Hell

by *Michael Yon*, 13 Oct 2007

<http://www.michaelyon-online.com/the-road-to-hell.htm>

Mr. Robinson, who collaborated with Ronald Reagan on the "Tear down this wall" speech, asks two economists who knew Milton Friedman what he would have thought of the current financial crisis.

What Would Milton Friedman Say?

by *Peter Robinson*, 17 Oct 2008

http://www.forbes.com/opinions/2008/10/16/milton-friedman-meltdown-oped-cx_pr_1017robinson.html?partner=rcp

Obama: the oak grown from ACORN

The radical group is front and center when it comes to voter fraud.

by *Daniel J. Flynn*, 16 October 2008

<http://www.city-journal.org/2008/bc1016df.html>

What If McCain Had Been Palling Around With a Terrorist?

by *Diana West*, 16 Oct 2008

... Just imagine if McCain had once belonged to a far-right extremist party, and, naturally enough, had had his 1995 political coming-out party in the living room of the likes of Timothy McVeigh. Imagine, like ex-Weatherman William Ayers, that McVeigh's treasonous goals to destroy the U.S. government hadn't diminished over the years—indeed, that he called himself a "radical, rightist, small 'f' fascist" the same year McCain's political career was launched in his home—but that he had merely abandoned violent means to revolution in favor of "educational reform."

(Ayers, of course, in real life, called himself a "radical, leftist, small 'c' communist" in 1995, the same year Obama debuted as a political candidate in Ayers' home. In 2006, with Venezuelan strongman Hugo Chavez looking on, he declared, "La educacion es revolucion.")

Now imagine that McCain had also served as the first chairman of McVeigh's foundation, distributing money to radical, rightist, small "f" fascist causes. (Again, this mirrors Obama's real-life gig as chairman of the Chicago Annenberg Challenge foundation that Ayers co-founded.)

Would the media and political consensus insist none of this mattered to voters? That it was "racist" or "negative" even to bring it up? And, further, that such a candidate's comfort with and receptivity to anti-American extremists was not an automatic disqualifier for the presidency?...

Read it all: http://townhall.com/columnists/DianaWest/2008/10/16/what_if_mccain_had_been_palling_around_with_a_terrorist

This is from the once-great *Atlantic*. Don't read anything else while you're there; it'll rot your brain.

Asymmetry at Sea

What war with Iran in the Gulf could be like.

by Robert D. Kaplan, 16 Oct 2008

<http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/200810u/kaplan-iran-war>

Move along, folks. Nothing to see here. Just good old American institutionalized liberalism, or what Antonio Gramsci called "the long march through the institutions."

8th grade textbook has Barack Obama chapter in Racine, Wis.

16 Oct 2008

...The book was chosen by a group of teachers because of how well it meets the state's academic standards, the Racine district said in its statement. "The choice of this selection was to provide a contemporary and multicultural figure to explore the unit on community," the district said.

Full story: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/1225887,racine-obama-textbook101608.article>

Everybody Else Did It

Chris Dodd's mortgage blame game.

Wall Street Journal editorial, 16 Oct 2008

...In February 2004, while Republican colleagues warned of the systemic risks posed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, Mr. Dodd pronounced the mortgage market "one of the great success stories of all time." A year later, the Connecticut Democrat voted against a reform that would have limited the size of Fan and Fred's mortgage portfolios. Now that Fan and Fred have collapsed at a cost to taxpayers that could run to \$200 billion or more, Mr. Dodd is also under fire for accepting sweetheart loans from Countrywide Financial, the subprime mortgage factory...

Read the whole thing: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122411797796038903.html#printMode>

Ms. Gibbs has been a guest on the *Hugh Hewitt Show*. She actually seems to be that rare bird: a neutral journalist. Her article is fair, balanced, and fascinating.

The Candidates' Temperaments: Who's a Better Fit for the Job?

by Nancy Gibbs, 15 Oct 2008

<http://www.time.com/time/politics/article/0,8599,1850921,00.html>

Don't Blame Capitalism

by Peter Schiff, 16 Oct 2008

...For the political left, which has long championed the need for such limits, this crisis is the opportunity of a lifetime. Absent from such conclusions is the central role the government played in creating the crisis. Yes, many Wall Street leaders were irresponsible, and they should pay. But they were playing the distorted hand dealt them by government policies. Our leaders irrationally promoted home-buying, discouraged savings, and recklessly encouraged borrowing and lending, which together undermined our markets.

Just as prices in a free market are set by supply and demand, financial and real estate markets are governed by the opposing tension between greed and fear. Everyone wants to make money, but everyone is also afraid of losing what he has. Although few would ascribe their desire for prosperity to greed, it is simply a rose by another name. Greed is the elemental motivation for the economic risk-taking and hard work that are essential to a vibrant economy. But over the past generation, government has removed the necessary counterbalance of fear from the equation...

Read it all: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/10/15/AR2008101503166_pf.html

A terrific compendium of information and links.

The Integrity Gap, part II of III: Senator Barack Obama

by Dan McLaughlin, 14 Oct 2008

With an **Introduction**, and six more chapters: **Obama's Rootless Ambition** looks at the influences that shaped Obama before he ran for office. **Obama and the Extremists** looks at his relationships with left-wing radicals and how they were an integral part of his rise in politics. **Obama and ACORN** looks at his intimate relationship with a network of community organizers with a pervasive record of voter fraud and deep involvement in the subprime

housing crisis. **Obama and the Machine** looks at Obama's long, deep and multifaceted partnership with machine politicians in Chicago and Springfield. **Obama and the Favor Factory** looks at Obama's routine practice of trading favors with his political benefactors. **Obama, "New Politics" and Principles** looks at the illusory nature of Obama's "new politics," his absence of a record of fighting tough battles on principle.

If you know anyone who makes a decent living and plans to vote Democrat, cut the intro and link below, and paste them into an e-mail:

Most voters who are under age 50 don't know what life is like under the heel of a classic liberal tax-and-spend regime. Obama's economic policies would be a throwback to the bad old days of Carter and LBJ. Those presidents used to drone on about change, too. "Change" is among the oldest political clichés in the book. And they'd always claim that they wouldn't increase taxes on you—only on "the rich." But it always turned out that if you made any kind of a decent living (top 40% or so), YOU were "the rich."

Obama claims he's only going to raise the taxes of the top 5%. That's bad enough, because those tend to be the folks who create and maintain the business that enable the rest of us to make a decent living. But Obama's rosy scenario of *cutting* taxes for the other 95% of us won't hold for long. In fact, it's not even accurate now.

To begin with, it's a deliberate deception. Dear Leader Obama knows very well that only the top 60% pay any taxes at all. And the rest of the numbers don't add up a whole lot better. Many of the Democrats' promised spending programs will have to be cut—or, alternatively, the tax increase will have to apply to the top 15% instead of just the top 5%. If the Dems control Congress *and* the White House, which alternative do you think they'll choose?

And they won't stop at 15%. By early 2011 (right after the mid-term elections), the tax increase will have reached the top 40%: that means YOU. And the Dems won't care a bit, because they've still got their base: (1) the bottom 40% who pay no tax at all, and (2) large numbers of better-off folk who suffer from the psychosis of social guilt.

Just what is it that the Democrats plan to spend so much money on? Well, it's two basic areas. Between 5% and 10% of the increased spending will be on measures designed to halt global warming—which is a hoax and a chimera anyway. The rest of the projects Obama has said "we're going to invest in" (waste money on) fall under the general heading of taking your money and giving it to scumbags and lazy layabouts. IT'S WHAT LIBERALS DO.

—Don John, 16 Oct 2008

Fairy-tale Candidate

by James Carter and James Miller III, 14 Oct 2008

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2008/oct/14/fairy-tale-candidate/>

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Obama Voted 'Present' on Mortgage Reform

The only banking 'deregulation' in recent years was that of Fan and Fred.

by Peter J. Wallison, 15 Oct 2008

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122403045717834693.html#printMode>

Obama's and Ayers' Annenberg Failure

Investor's Business Daily, 14 Oct 2008

The joint effort between Barack Obama and terrorist William Ayers to "reform" Chicago schools was a flop. After spending \$160 million, Chicago's children were still being left behind. It was, and some say still is, his only claim to have executive experience qualifying him for high government office. "My experience previous to elected office equips me for the job," Obama said in a 2000 televised debate during a failed campaign to unseat incumbent Democratic Congressman Bobby Rush.

Of that experience, Obama said: "I have chaired major philanthropic efforts on the city, like the Chicago Annenberg Challenge (CAC) that gave \$50 million to prompt school-reform efforts throughout the city." It was an impressive line on anyone's resume. It was also a flop.

Obama ran the fiscal arm that distributed grants to schools and raised matching funds. Ayers participated in a second entity known as the Chicago School Reform Collaborative, the operational arm that worked with grant

recipients. They met and talked often...

The rest: <http://www.investors.com/editorial/editorialcontent.asp?secid=1501&status=article&id=308875824685359>

This is from *The Howard Stern Show*. But it's completely clean—and very revealing. As Tony Blankley wrote recently, "Three weeks of John McCain's campaigning is the only thing standing in the way of the American public making the most uninformed presidential decision since the invention of the telegraph."

audio: [Harlem voters endorse Obama's policies](#)

On the Other Hand

Racism and Politics in the USA

by Don John, 14 Oct 2008

http://www.standingonthedeck.com/Don_John_s_essays.html

"Zombie" is the person who shoots all those cool photos from *within* moonbat rallies. Here, he (or she) departs from the photographic format to present a fascinating written study on the psychology of group-think.

The Left's Big Blunder

The disastrously counter-productive strategy of Obama's supporters.

by Zombie, 15 Oct 2008

Two campaigns are being waged right now for the presidency of the United States. No, I'm not talking about the Obama campaign and the McCain campaign. I'm talking about the real-world campaign and the meta-campaign.

The real-world campaign involves speeches and proposals and facts and scandals and political positions and news events. These details, however, are becoming increasingly irrelevant, and have become subsumed by the meta-campaign, which consists of perceptions, polls, reactions, analyses and summations. Until very recently, elections were decided by real-world facts—but not anymore. Facts and events in and of themselves are no longer important; what's important is how everyone *reacts* to them. And how do we find out the public's mood concerning this or that incident? Why, the media tells us, that's how. Or so we've been led to believe...

The rest, including graphics, photos, and a video: http://www.zombietime.com/lefts_big_blunder/

Obama lies about what he told Joe the Plumber

Don John, 15 Oct 2008

In Ohio last Sunday, Obama [answered Joe Wurzelbacher's question](#) by saying that his tax plan would indeed tax Mr. Wurzelbacher more. Then he weaseled around for a couple of minutes with a bunch of verbal razzmatazz and shenanigans, letting his guard down only at the end when he uttered this revealing sentence: "My attitude is that if the economy's good for folks from the bottom up, it's gonna be good for everybody. I think when you spread the wealth around, it's good for everybody."

In tonight's debate, the Obamesiah tried to disguise that slip-up by lying. But John McCain didn't let him get away with it:

OBAMA: Now, the conversation I had with Joe the plumber, what I essentially said to him was, "Five years ago, when you were in a position to buy your business, you needed a tax cut then." And what I want to do is to make sure that the plumber, the nurse, the firefighter, the teacher, the young entrepreneur who doesn't yet have money, I want to give them a tax break now. And that requires us to make some important choices. The last point I'll make about small businesses. Not only do 98 percent of small businesses make less than \$250,000, but I also want to give them additional tax breaks, because they are the drivers of the economy. They produce the most jobs.

MCCAIN: You know, when Senator Obama ended up his conversation with Joe the plumber—we need to spread the wealth around. In other words, we're going to take Joe's money, give it to Senator Obama, and let him spread the wealth around. I want Joe the plumber to spread that wealth around. You told him you wanted to spread the wealth around. The whole premise behind Senator Obama's plans are class warfare, let's spread the wealth around. I want small businesses—and by the way, the small businesses that we're talking about would receive an increase in their taxes right now.

The 'Joe the Plumber' Debate: McCain scores, 'Senator Government' stumbles

by Hugh Hewitt, 15 Oct 2008

<http://hughhewitt.townhall.com/blog/g/5497b3f0-3ad4-4f85-b6da-b213ddc2e1d5>

Mr. George is a professor of jurisprudence at Princeton University, a member of the President's Council on Bioethics, and previously served on the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

Obama's Abortion Extremism

by Robert P. George, 14 Oct 2008

...Barack Obama's America is one in which being human *just isn't enough* to warrant care and protection. It is an America where the unborn may legitimately be killed without legal restriction, even by the grisly practice of partial-birth abortion. It is an America where a baby who survives abortion is not even entitled to comfort care as she dies on a stainless steel table or in a soiled linen bin. It is a nation in which some members of the human family are regarded as inferior and others superior in fundamental dignity and rights. In Obama's America, public policy would make a mockery of the great constitutional principle of the equal protection of the law.

In perhaps the most telling comment made by any candidate in either party in this election year, Senator Obama, when asked by Rick Warren when a baby gets human rights, replied: "that question is above my pay grade." It was a profoundly disingenuous answer: For even at a state senator's pay grade, Obama presumed to answer that question with blind certainty. His unspoken answer then, as now, is chilling: human beings have no rights until infancy—and if they are unwanted survivors of attempted abortions, not even then...

Read the whole thing:

http://thepublicdiscourse.com/viewarticle.php?selectedarticle=2008.10.14_George_Robert_Obama%27s%20Abortion%20Extremism_.xml

Bush's North Korea Surrender Will Have Lasting Consequences

Nuclear proliferators have a new model to follow.

by John R. Bolton, 13 Oct 2008

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122385733887027383.html>

No room in America for class warfare

by Nolan Finley, 12 Oct 2008

<http://detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20081012/OPINION03/810120311/1271/OPINION01>

U.S. troops kill No. 2 leader of al-Qaida in Iraq

by Kim Gamel (AP), 15 Oct 2008

American troops acting on a tip killed the No. 2 leader of al-Qaida in Iraq — a Moroccan known for his ability to recruit and motivate foreign fighters — in a raid in the northern city of Mosul, the U.S. military said Wednesday. The military statement described the man, known as Abu Qaswarah, as a charismatic leader who had trained in Afghanistan and managed to rally al-Qaida followers in Iraq despite U.S. and Iraqi security gains...

More: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20081015/ap_on_re_mi_ea/ml_iraq

Conservatives drub Liberals in Canadian elections:

Canada's Harper pledges cooperation after election

by Rob Gillies (AP), 15 Oct 2008

...With nearly all the returns in, Canada's election agency reported on its Web site that the Conservatives had won or was leading in races for 143 of Parliament's 308 seats, an improvement over the 127 seats the party had in the previous Parliament. The Conservative Party needed to win 155 seats to govern on its own. The Liberal Party, long Canada's top party, suffered a severe drubbing, dropping to 76 seats from 95 in the previous Parliament, according to

the election agency. Bloc Quebecois won 50 seats, the New Democrats 37 and independent candidates 2...

More: http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=D93QPOKG2&show_article=1

Obama Fires a 'Robin Hood' Warning Shot

by *Charles Hurt, 15 Oct 2008*

...he intends to take the profits of small-business owners and "spread the wealth around" to those with lesser incomes....

Read the rest, AND WATCH THE VIDEO:

http://www.nypost.com/seven/10152008/news/politics/obama_fires_a_robin_hood_warning_shot_133685.htm

The truth about Obama was printed in *Rolling Stone*, early last year!

Destiny's Child

by *Ben Wallace-Wells, 22 Feb 2007*

...This is as openly radical a background as any significant American political figure has ever emerged from, as much Malcolm X as Martin Luther King Jr. Wright is not an incidental figure in Obama's life, or his politics...

http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/story/13390609/campaign_08_the_radical_roots_of_barack_obama/print

Obama Sells Out Education to the Revolution

by *Mary Grabar, 14 Oct 2008*

<http://pajamasmedia.com/blog/obama-sells-out-education-to-the-revolution/?print=1>

Contains foul language (by Leftists)

Angry Left Protest C*nt Sarah Palin in Philly

<http://gatewaypundit.blogspot.com/2008/10/angry-left-protest-cnt-sarah-palin-in.html>

Fla. Democrat Congressman said to be involved in 2nd affair

by *Brian Skoloff, 15 Oct 2008*

<http://apnews.myway.com/article/20081015/D93QN0K00.html>

FBI Reported to Begin Probe of Florida Democrat Congressman

Pursuing Reports Mahoney Paid Hush Money to Alleged Mistress.

by *Emma Schwartz, Rhonda Schwartz and Vic Walter, 14 Oct 2008*

The FBI has reportedly begun its own preliminary investigation into an ABC News report that West Palm Beach Congressman Tim Mahoney (D-FL) hired an alleged mistress to work on his official staff and then paid her \$121,000 to keep her from going public and filing suit after she was fired...

<http://www.abcnews.go.com/Blotter/Politics/story?id=6034123&page=1>

"If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free."

—P.J. O'Rourke, 1993

"There's not much of a difference between my position on Iraq and George Bush's position at this stage."

—Barack H. Obama, July 2004

Going Negative!

That's what the media cry when you accurately present the track record of liberal candidates.

by *Thomas Sowell, 14 Oct 2008*

...In words, Obama is a uniter instead of a divider. In deeds, he has spent years promoting polarization. That is what a "community organizer" does, creating a sense of grievance, envy and resentment, in order to mobilize political action to get more of the taxpayers' money or to force banks to lend to people they don't consider good risks, as the community organizing group ACORN did.

After Barack Obama moved beyond the role of a community organizer, he promoted the same polarization in his other roles. That is what he did when he spent the money of the Woods Fund bankrolling programs to spread the politics of grievance and resentment into the schools. That is what he did when he spent the taxpayers' money bankrolling the grievance and resentment ideology of Michael Pflieger.

When Barack Obama donated \$20,000 to Jeremiah Wright, does anyone imagine that he was unaware that Wright was the epitome of grievance, envy and resentment hype? Or were Wright's sermons too subtle for Obama to pick up that message? How subtle is "Goddamn America!"?...

...Does anyone in real life put more faith in what people say than in what they do? A few gullible people do—and they often get deceived and defrauded big time. Barack Obama has carried election-year makeovers to a new high, presenting himself a uniter of people, someone reaching across the partisan divide and the racial divide— after decades of promoting polarization in each of his successive roles and each of his choices of political allies. Yet the media treat exposing a fraudulent election-year image as far worse than letting someone acquire the powers of the highest office in the land through sheer deception.

The whole essay:

<http://article.nationalreview.com/print/?q=M2RkMzA2ZGUyNGE1OTQ2MmY1Y2YzYzI1NWViOGFhNTY=>

Christopher Hitchens: credibility nil

Despite his valiant support for the War on Jihadis, we must remember that the man is still a Trotskyite. His October 13 column in Slate.com is headlined "Vote for Obama. McCain lacks the character and temperament to be president. And Palin is simply a disgrace." The title says it all. There's no point in linking it here.

Unfriendly Rhetoric

by Mark Levin, 13 Oct 2008

...Obama is asking the nation to honor him with its highest office. Yet, during most of his adulthood, he has befriended some of the worst kind of people — many of whom detest the nation Obama seeks to lead. And when combined with Obama's own extremism on issue after issue (is there a left-wing position he does not embrace?), there can be no doubt that an Obama administration working with a Democrat majority in Congress will fundamentally alter the nation's character in ways that will be very difficult to unravel.

As for Obama's commercials, they are deceitful even by the *Washington Post's* standards. They flat out lie about McCain's health-care plan and the tax consequences...Obama's ad about McCain's position on corporate taxes is another flat out lie...

...And then there is ACORN. Obama worked for them, represented them, and has now given them \$800,000 from his campaign. Is Obama unaware of what a fraudulent operation this is? Of course not. He rejects any responsibility for their actions. And what of Obama's thuggish tactics in intimidating those with whom he disagrees? He asked the Justice Department to prosecute a private group that was running ads about his ties to William Ayers — and later sought tax information from them to file complaints with the IRS...

The rest: <http://corner.nationalreview.com/post/?q=NmM4MzRiNTdhM2M0NDYzMjJiMjQ1NzA0OTJiNzk2OGQ>

A Capitalist Manifesto

Markets remain our best hope for a better future.

by Judy Shelton, 11 Oct 2008

"The financial crisis is not the crisis of capitalism," according to Mr. Sarkozy. "It is the crisis of a system that has distanced itself from the most fundamental values of capitalism, which betrayed the spirit of capitalism."...

...False advertising leads to compromised market outcomes; it constitutes a betrayal of the consumer...**Money represents a moral contract between government and ordinary citizens—the sanctity of money rests in its reliability as a store of value**...Exotic financial derivatives that gamble on the anomalies of the global economy—

currency movements, interest-rate disparities, governance incongruities—mock the very concept of "investment" to generate future higher returns from production... Governments should view economic freedom as a basic human right, to be respected and protected by ensuring that markets function smoothly and openly...

... Why are the rules to start a business so onerous, why is the bureaucratic process so lengthy, why are the requirements for hiring employees so burdensome? ... It is time to pay deference to the real economic heroes of capitalism: the self-made entrepreneurs who have the courage to start a business from scratch, the fidelity to pay their taxes, and the dedication to provide real goods and services to their fellow man... The Latin root of the word "credit"—*credere*—means "to believe." There is no better starting point for restoring morality to capitalism...

Read the whole thing: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122385722252027327.html>

Obama's 95% Illusion

It depends on what the meaning of 'tax cut' is.

Wall Street Journal editorial, 13 Oct 2008

... Here's the political catch. All but the clean car credit would be "refundable," which is Washington-speak for the fact that you can receive these checks even if you have no income-tax liability. In other words, **they are an income transfer—a federal check—from taxpayers to nontaxpayers.** Once upon a time we called this "welfare," or in George McGovern's 1972 campaign a "Demogrant." Mr. Obama's genius is to call it a tax cut...

All of it: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122385651698727257.html>

Open Letter to Bob Schieffer

by Ken Blackwell, 12 Oct 2008

... As much as anything, Mr. Brokaw's choice of topics for the second debate robbed the American people of what was intended to be a look into the more personal and controversial aspects of the candidates. In that debate focusing on domestic policy, there was not a single question about the Supreme Court, gun control, abortion, gay marriage or immigration. It strains credulity to assert that of the more than 1,000 questions offered to Mr. Brokaw, he could not find any that spoke to these issues.

Such matters may not be of much concern to East Coast elites, but they are of profound importance to countless American voters. As surprising as it may be to pundits, literally millions of voters decide their vote solely on one of these hot-button issues.

Mr. Brokaw's decision to avoid those topics has raised the suspicions of some, alleging that NBC was sheltering Barack Obama by blocking questions that backed Mr. Obama into a corner. While Mr. Brokaw deserves the benefit of the doubt, you could lay the matter to rest by raising the questions in the third debate that ought to have been asked in the second...

More: http://townhall.com/Columnists/KenBlackwell/2008/10/12/open_letter_to_bob_schieffer

Americans Deserve a Real Health Care Debate

by Tom Coburn and Richard Burr, 10 Oct 2008

... Even the left-leaning Tax Policy Center has recognized that the change proposed by McCain-Palin will result in "a significant tax cut" for middle-class families. Moreover, Senator Obama's own Senior Economic Advisor, Jason Furman, endorsed McCain's proposal when he wrote that "we could scrap the current deduction altogether and replace it with progressive tax credits that, together with other changes, would ensure that every American has affordable health insurance."

Instead of addressing this proposal directly, Obama-Biden have launched an intellectually dishonest diversionary attack. Obama-Biden are pretending McCain-Palin want to do away with the current individual tax exclusion without replacing it with a far more generous tax credit. The fact is Americans in every tax bracket would enjoy enormous savings under the McCain-Palin plan, with lower income workers receiving the most benefit...

Read it all: http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2008/10/americans_deserve_a_real_healt.html

Paul Krugman wins Nobel Economics Prize

http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=081013142950.7rs38vg4&show_article=1&catnum=0

Ho hum. Nobel Prizes have also gone to creeps like Jimmy Carter, Yasser Arafat, Kofi Annan, Al Gore, Rigoberta Menchú, Mikhail Sholokov, Bertrand Russell ("Patriotism is the willingness to kill and be killed for trivial reasons."), Jean-Paul Sartre ("All human actions are equivalent...and doomed to failure."), Dario Fo ("So what is 20,000 dead in New York?"), Toni Morrison (Ideals of liberty and the rights of man are "permanently allied with...the hierarchy of race."), Jose Saramago ("Ah, yes, horrendous massacres of civilians by so-called suicide terrorists."), Harold Pinter ("And all the dead air is alive/With the smell of America's God."), and Gunter Grass ("Family/economic/political interests make Bush a threat to world peace."). Ho hum.

video: Liberal Outrage: a pro-McCain march in Manhattan

See how accepting and tolerant the Upper West Side liberals are of opposing viewpoints. If you think an Obama parade down a major street in a city like Juneau or Anchorage or Phoenix would be greeted in the same way, go ahead and post the video somewhere. We'll be looking for it—but not holding our breath.

The town is Scranton, Pennsylvania. And the article actually is fair and balanced.

A town where voting for Barack Obama is an offence against God

by Charles Lewis, 10 Oct 2008

...Republicans were historically seen as the party of the well-to-do and Protestants who feared the Catholic immigrants would bring repugnant Papist views to America's shores.

Then in 1976, three years after *Roe v. Wade*, Republican Ronald Reagan not only began talking about abortion, but about faith and family values. It brought evangelical Protestants in droves to the Republicans and made many conservative Catholics think seriously about ditching their allegiance to the Democrats.

"Not every Catholic has drifted to the Republicans, but the problem is there's enough of them to tilt the election," said Michael Sean Winters, author of the just-released *Left At The Altar*, about why the Democrats are losing the Catholic vote. **"The Democrats started saying, 'You can't legislate morality,' which was foolish. These were the people who supported the civil rights movement, which was nothing if not a legislation of morality.**

"The analogy is precise because in both cases the issue is one of who is a human being ... The Democrats lost the ability to speak in moral terms about a whole range of issues. Abstract rights are not the stuff of a national vision."...

Read it all:

<http://network.nationalpost.com/np/blogs/fullcomment/archive/2008/10/10/charles-lewis-a-town-where-voting-for-barack-obama-is-a-sin.aspx>

Obama Campaign Covering Up Involvement with ACORN?

12 Oct 2008

The Cleveland Leader has a series of posts tracking the Obama campaign's lies and evasions about the candidate's long history of connections with ACORN, and their attempts to quietly edit the Obama website as more information leaks out: [Obama Campaign Involved in More Cover-Ups in ACORN Scandal](#).

Wikileaks.org has an article from the Winter 2003 edition of the magazine *Social Policy* (the full article is [here](#), but requires registration), making it very clear that [Barack Obama's ties to ACORN are extensive](#). (Here's our [local copy of the PDF file](#).)

http://littlegreenfootballs.com/article/31547_Obama_Campaign_Covering_Up_Involvement_with_ACORN

Fakers Four

Over the past month or so, George F. Will, Kathleen Parker, Charles Krauthammer, and David Brooks have copied the snooty *hauteur* of their friends among the *bien-pensant* liberal elite by expressing doubt that Sarah Palin would be qualified to assume the Presidency.

Palin is as qualified as any VP ever elected. But that's not the main point. These four nominal conservatives have, in effect, endorsed the socialist Obama-Biden ticket. That makes them as treacherous as Pat Buchanan; even he hasn't endorsed Obama. Their credibility is **gone**.

—Don John, 12 Oct 2008

Why is Chicago so hospitable to scum like William Ayers, Bernadine Dohrn, and other friends of Barack Obama? Richard M. Daley has hired so many left-wing radicals that his father, Richard J. Daley, must be turning in his grave.

Daley reins in radicals — the Chicago Way

by John Kass, 11 Oct 2008

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/columnists/chi-kass-mk-bd-12-oct12,0,6391750,print.column>

The Government Is Contributing to the Panic

It's time to let markets do their messy work.

by Jonathan Macey, 11 Oct 2008

...By the time the bailout package was passed, market sentiment had darkened to mirror the government's own pessimism about the ability of markets to play a salutary role in repairing the fractured capital market. The notion that the government rather than the private sector can create a market for distressed bank assets seems particularly misguided.

The solutions being implemented also send the message that resources devoted to risk management are wasted. **All of these plans reward the financial institutions that acted like lemmings by chasing the mortgage-related debt bubble rather than rewarding the financial institutions that exercised restraint and risk avoidance and independent thought and action.** This unfortunate "heads Wall Street Wins, tails America loses" economic policy is wholly inconsistent with the principles of personal and corporate responsibility that are essential to a functional free market...

Read the whole thing: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122367942018324645.html>

Many Convicted Felons Remain on Voter Rolls

Thousands who should be ineligible are registered to vote.

by Sally Kestin, Peter Franceschina, John Maines, Megan O'Matz and Dana Williams, 12 Oct 2008

More than 30,000 Florida felons who by law should have been stripped of their right to vote remain registered to cast ballots in this presidential battleground state, a *Sun Sentinel* investigation has found...

...Of the felons who registered with a party, Democrats outnumber Republicans more than two to one....

More: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/southflorida/sfl-flbfelons1012sboct12,0,4394707,print.story>

Obama's truth deficit

by Maggie Gallagher, 11 Oct 2008

When John Murtagh was 9 years old, Bill Ayers' friends tried to kill him...

...To the best of John's recollection, Bernardine Dohrn, who is now Bill Ayers' wife, first claimed credit for bombing John's home—along with other targets—in November 1970...

...But Barack Obama was not a child—he was a grown man—when he decided his personal path to power and influence lay through Bill Ayers' connections...

...Mr. Obama's campaign is busy fudging. That's a polite word for "lying." Barack Obama's top political adviser claims he simply didn't know Mr. Ayers' history when they first met. Bomber? What bomber?...

...Lay your cards on the table, Mr. Murtagh wants to tell the man who would be president. "Obama's free to associate with Dohrn and Ayers; that's his right," he tells me. "But don't hide the relationship, and be forthcoming and let people decide the significance of it for themselves."

Read it all: <http://washingtontimes.com/news/2008/oct/11/obamas-truth-deficit/print/>

Happy Columbus Day!

On this date in the year 1492, Christopher Columbus discovered (yes, *discovered*) "America": an entire Hemisphere was opened up to the spiritual, economic, and social benefits of classical Western culture—the most successful belief system in the history of mankind. *Deo Gratias!*

But on 12 October 2008, twenty-five years of unprecedented growth and prosperity produced by free-market

capitalism have all been erased from people's minds by one bad month on Wall Street. And this feeds on itself. Obama's lead in the polls has pushed many investors out of the market entirely, in anticipation of a socialist Obama regime—which in turn makes the markets drop even lower.

On the other hand, if the crisis is still with us on January 20, it might prevent Obama from making any bad moves, at least for a while. I mean, he couldn't raise taxes and tariffs the way Herbert Hoover did....could he?

Don John, 12 Oct 2008

Like the man said: THUGOCRACY:

Vandals strike York County GOP headquarters

by Matt Garfield, 11 Oct 2008

Vandals spray-painted the words "Republican means slavery" on the door of the York County GOP campaign headquarters overnight Friday. Party volunteers called police after discovering the message when they arrived at the office on Rock Hill's Oakland Avenue. The vandals also stole about 45 candidate signs from the front yard and spray-painted over a banner that carried a picture of Republican presidential nominee John McCain. Their messages included lettering and symbols sometimes used by gangs...

...In York County, Republican leader Glenn McCall is among the first African-American to chair a county party in South Carolina. He's also one of two black representatives on the 100-member Republican National Committee.

McCall said he believes the vandals were trying to influence voters at a time when polls show a tight contest. "It just goes to show the election is much closer than folks would have you believe," McCall said. "We have probably the most liberal ticket on the Democratic side that we've ever seen. When I look at the polls, it's within the margin of error. There are people who are just getting nervous about that. As a result, they do desperate things."...

More: <http://www.heraldonline.com/109/story/877049.html>

The Coming Obama Thugocracy

Attempts to shut down political speech have become routine for liberals.

by Michael Barone, 11 Oct 2008

<http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=YjUwZWlwZTNhY2Y0YTFkYzFmZTIyZWUwZW5k4ZGM=>

What Barney Frank Doesn't Grasp: Lending Mandates Hurt The Poor

by Howard Husock, 9 Oct 2008

<http://www.manhattan-institute.org/html/miarticle.htm?id=4346>

The Power of One

Liberal media transforms a single bigot at a Sarah Palin rally into a racist mob.

by John Leo, 9 Oct 2008

<http://www.city-journal.org/2008/eon1009jl.html>

Fear Will Subside

by Steve Forbes, 10 Oct 2008 (Oct 27 issue)

...Put the bailout's \$700 billion price tag in perspective: American households, until recently, had *net* assets of \$56 trillion. A 2% decline in the value of those financial and hard assets overwhelms that \$700 billion.

This whole crisis was absolutely unnecessary. The list of villains is long and ugly. The housing bubble and the promiscuous issuance of exotic junk securities would never have reached the level they did had the Fed not been so recklessly loose in its monetary policy. Our central bank behaved like a bartender who continues to ply low- to no-cost booze to already inebriated customers. The White House and Treasury Department went along with the Fed's weak-dollar policy, which wrought havoc on the world by creating a commodity bubble and a catastrophic loosening of lending standards and investing prudence.

The mark-to-market madness gratuitously destroyed Lehman Brothers, AIG and numerous other institutions.

The SEC should be criticized severely for doing away with the uptick rule on short-selling—no shorting of a stock unless it has moved up in price—and for its failure to enforce rules against naked short-selling—requiring a short seller to first borrow a stock before he shorts it.

Congress has long shielded the wild—and criminal—profligacy of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. These two monsters played a critical role in the horrible proliferation of subprime mortgages. Borrowers and speculators were given mortgages that no sane lender would ever have approved a few years ago...

Read it all: http://www.forbes.com/forbes/2008/1027/021_print.html

One Voter, 72 Registrations

'ACORN paid me in cash & cigarettes'

by Jeane MacIntosh, 10 Oct 2008

..."Sometimes, they come up and bribe me with a cigarette, or they'll give me a dollar to sign up," said Freddie Johnson, 19, who filled out 72 separate voter-registration cards over an 18-month period at the behest of the left-leaning Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now. "The ACORN people are everywhere, looking to sign people up. I tell them I am already registered. The girl said, 'You are?' I say, 'Yup,' and then they say, 'Can you just sign up again?' " he said...

...ACORN is under investigation in Ohio and at least eight other states—including Missouri, where the FBI said it's planning to look into potential voter fraud—for over-the-top efforts to get as many names as possible on the voter rolls regardless of whether a person is registered or eligible. It's even under investigation in Bridgeport, Conn., for allegedly registering a 7-year-old girl to vote, according to the State Elections Enforcement Commission...

...The Cleveland voting probe, first reported by The Post yesterday, also focused on Lateala Goins, who said she put her name on multiple voter registrations. She guessed ACORN canvassers then put fake addresses on them. "You can tell them you're registered as many times as you want—they do not care," she said...

...ACORN's political wing has endorsed Barack Obama for president, but Ben LaBolt, a spokesman for the Obama campaign in Ohio, said ACORN has no role in its get-out-the-vote drive... **←Lie of the Week!**

All of it: http://www.nypost.com/seven/10102008/news/politics/1_voter__72_registrations_132965.htm

Thousands of voter registration forms faked, officials say

by Drew Griffin and Kathleen Johnston, CNN Special Investigations Unit, 10 Oct 2008

More than 2,000 voter registration forms filed in northern Indiana's Lake County by a liberal activist group this week have turned out to be bogus, election officials said Thursday.

The group—the **Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, or ACORN**—already faces allegations of filing fraudulent voter registrations in Nevada and faces investigations in other states. And in Lake County, home to the long-depressed steel town of Gary, the bipartisan Elections Board has stopped processing a stack of about 5,000 applications delivered just before the October 6 registration deadline after the first 2,100 turned out to be phony...

The forms included registrations submitted in the names of the dead—and in one case, the name of a fast-food restaurant, Jimmy Johns. Sally LaSota, a Democrat on the board, called the forms fraudulent and said whoever filed them broke the law... Over the past four years, a dozen states have investigated complaints of fraudulent registrations filed by ACORN...

More: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/POLITICS/10/09/acorn.fraud.claims/index.html>

Ever wonder what (if anything) Democrat voters can possibly be thinking? Here are some men and women on the street explaining why they've chosen the Donkey Party...

video: **I'm Voting Democrat** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPG25Wf0aa4>

Obama's Magic

Presto, change-o!

by Kimberley Strassel, 10 Oct 2008

And now, America, we introduce the Great Obama! The world's most gifted political magician! A thing of

wonder. A thing of awe. Just watch him defy politics, economics, even gravity! (And hold your applause until the end, please.)

To kick off our show tonight, Mr. Obama will give 95% of American working families a tax cut, even though 40% of Americans today don't pay income taxes! How can our star enact such mathemagic? How can he "cut" zero? Abracadabra! It's called a "refundable tax credit." It involves the federal government taking money from those who do pay taxes, and writing checks to those who don't. Yes, yes, in the real world this is known as "welfare," but please try not to ruin the show.

For his next trick, the Great Obama will jumpstart the economy, and he'll do it by *raising* taxes on the very businesses that are today adrift in a financial tsunami! That will include all those among the top 1% of taxpayers who are in fact small-business owners, and the nation's biggest employers who currently pay some of the highest corporate tax rates in the developed world. Mr. Obama will, with a flick of his fingers, show them how to create more jobs with less money. It's simple, really. He has a wand...

Read the whole thing: <http://wsj.com/article/SB122360618747721991.html>

Obama Sued Citibank Under CRA to Force it to Make Bad Loans

3 October 2008

Do you remember how we told you that the Democrats and groups associated with them leaned on banks and even sued to get them to make bad loans under the Community Reinvestment Act which was a factor in causing the economic crisis (see [here](#) and [here](#)) ... well look at what some fellow bloggers have dug up while researching Obama's legal career. Looks like a typical ACORN lawsuit to get banks to hand out bad loans.

In these lawsuits, ACORN makes a bogus claim of Redlining (denying poor people loans because of their ethnic heritage). They protest and get the local media to raise a big stink. This stink means that the bank faces thousands of people closing their accounts and get local politicians to lobby to stop the bank from doing some future business, expansions and mergers. If the bank goes to court, they will win, but the damage is already done because who is going to launch a big campaign to get the bank's reputation back?

It is important to understand the nature of these lawsuits and what their purpose is. ACORN filed tons of these lawsuits and ALL of them allege racism...

Lots more: <http://www.mediacircus.com/2008/10/obama-sued-citibank-under-cra-to-force-it-to-make-bad-loans/>

David Brooks No Longer Credible

After too many years as a token conservative at the *New York Times*, Brooks has gone native. His elitist snobbery is in full view, and its targets are the likes of President Bush and Governor Palin. Victor Davis Hanson tells us more in "What Is Wisdom?" (9 Oct 2008):

<http://corner.nationalreview.com/post/?q=ZGVIMTYwZWZiNDJhNzQyZjVjODk4MTk0MTI1ODEzZWY=>

ACORN Files Voting Rights Suit on Behalf of Imaginary-Americans

ST. LOUIS (Oct. 9)—Attorneys for the voting registration organizations ACORN and Project Vote filed an anti-discrimination voting rights suit in the U.S. Federal District court this morning, alleging the United States government is involved in "a widespread, systematic effort to disenfranchise Imaginary-Americans and deprive them of access to polls."

"Participation in our electoral process is a fundamental right, and the foundation of our democracy," said ASDFG, a spokesperson for the National Association for the Advancement of Imaginary People, one of the groups named as plaintiffs in the class action. "We will not be silent when government denies people access to the polls on the basis of color, or sex, or existential status..."

Read the rest: <http://iowahawk.typepad.com/iowahawk/2008/10/acorn-files-vot.html>

video: **Fannie Mae CEO calls Obama and the Dems the "family" and "conscience" of Fannie Mae** (2005) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usvG-s_Ssb0

A politician is never more dangerous than in the midst of a commotion in which myth replaces reality.

—Alvaro Vargas Llosa, 8 Oct 2008

Sorry, Dear Leader Obama. Those lame excuses about your friend—who is still a terrorist and a Communist at heart—don't cut the mustard. He hates freedom, and so do you.

video: **Ayers** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONfJ7YSXE5w>

Dear Leader Obama was a member of a racist church for 1,000 Sundays. One thousand Sundays.

video: **Black Liberation Theology: from Cone to Wright to Obama**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vz1goz0V2Y4>

<http://1000sundays.wordpress.com/author/1000sundays/>

The Bailout and the Vanishing Taxpayer

by Steven Malanga, 8 Oct 2008

...Many Americans probably won't pay a cent of the cost of this bailout. That's because a rapidly increasing percentage of U.S. households legally pay no income taxes, and many others pay so little in taxes that they already get back more from the federal government in services than they send to Washington. The number of taxpayers who generate a surplus for the federal government—that is, pay more in taxes than they receive in services—is small and shrinking...

More: http://www.realclearmarkets.com/articles/2008/10/the_bailout_and_the_vanishing.html

The End of Prosperity

by Arthur B. Laffer, Steve Moore, and Peter J. Tanous

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1416592385/theamericansp-20>

Meltdown has many culprits

by Rick Santorum, 9 Oct 2008

...I am often asked why, as a senator, I "harped" on cultural issues. The answer is that our beliefs, our choices and our character are not just private matters. They ultimately affect others. If enough people are privately irresponsible, whether financially or otherwise, all Americans suffer. Sometimes the suffering can even be measured in dollars and cents...

More: http://www.eppc.org/programs/ppaf/publications_ppaf/pubID.3570,css.print/pub_detail.asp

It's the Culture, Stupid

by Quin Hillyer, 9 Oct 2008

...What's worse is that Obama would impose his culture on the rest of us, through judges that go beyond the text of the Constitution to give legal status to their own expressions of "empathy." Empathy for the criminals, like the terrorist Bill Ayers, who go free on a technicality. Empathy for the people offended by a Christmas tree on the public square. Empathy for the 13-year-old who doesn't want to inform her mother about the abortion she is procuring, even though her mother would have to give approval for any other surgery for the daughter. Empathy for the student so offended by the presence of Army ROTC on campus that he demands that ROTC be banned. Empathy for the father offended that his child is exposed to the Pledge of Allegiance in school. Empathy for the horrible brute sentenced to death for the grisly rape of a little girl...

...Obama was the only member of the Illinois state senate so radically dismissive of human life that he spoke on the senate floor against a bill mandating care for babies who survived "botched" abortions. Obama's position was beyond despicable; it was monstrous. It puts him so far outside of the mainstream of American culture that he might as well be in his own moral desert.

Every one of these issues is an indicator of culture. Every one of them is an indicator that Obama himself can't possibly empathize with most of us as we struggle with an economic crisis, because he not only misunderstands how we feel and how we see the world but also has contempt for our very point of view...

All of it: http://spectator.org/dsp_article.asp?art_id=14019

Wall Street 101

by Victor Davis Hanson, 9 Oct 2008

...wisdom and blue-chip college educations are not quite the same thing. The fools in Washington and New York who blew up Wall Street had degrees from our finest professional schools.

The most chilling example, at the very beginning of this ongoing mess, came in 2003 during the House Financial Services Committee's hearing on Fannie and Freddie. At one point, Harvard Law School graduate Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., asked Fannie Mae CEO and fellow Harvard Law School graduate Franklin Raines—who took millions in bonuses even as he helped bankrupt the once-hallowed institution—whether he felt the mortgage giant had been "under-regulated." Raines answered him under oath, "No, sir." Then overseer Frank announced, "OK. Then I am not entirely sure why we are here."

If these guys are our best and brightest, then it is about time we rethink what constitutes wisdom, since an Ivy League law degree certainly seemed no proof of either intelligence or ethics...

The entire essay: <http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=YzlkMml2M2NiZjkyN2JlYWlxMGFmYWVkaNzg5NmFkNDU=>

President Barack Hoover

by Hugh Hewitt, 8 Oct 2008

...Ayers-Rezko-Wright-Khalidi are part of a pattern that would certainly follow into the staffing of the vast federal establishment. The Daily Kos-Michael Moore wing of the Democratic Party wants its pages from the Plum Book, and the Pelosi-Reid staffers have all got their Assistant Secretary offices picked out. The Left is planning for a huge sweep, and a big party, and...

Then what? Obama-Pelosi-Reid will not be able to resist the massive tax hikes that have lurked behind their every scheme for the past 28 years since Reagan wrested the government from the last group of statist. The unions have wanted protectionism since Bill Clinton signed on to NAFTA. The environmentalists want the sort of global warming regime that will not merely curb but positively punish economic growth, and the anti-nuclear reflex within the Democratic Party is so deep that while Obama can make a few noises about the need for new nuke plants, none would begin under his tenure. Obama said last night that we need new oil exploration off-shore. Does anyone really believe that will happen? Energy shortages would go from a predicament to a policy overnight...

Everyone wants their money back. They want growth back. They don't want to pay soaring taxes, and they don't want to pay \$4 a gallon gas. They don't want the financial estates that the Greatest Generation have accumulated over a lifetime of work to be transferred in bulk into the coffers of the government and not the grandkids. They like Obama. I like Obama. Nearly everybody likes Obama. But I don't want to put the country through Great Depression 2.0, and I don't want a vast army of academics and social engineers descending on D.C. with plans on how to remake America in their own extremist image...

Read it all: <http://hughhewitt.townhall.com/blog/g/c3182f00-a01d-427b-811f-c8fc2c32cc27>

U.S. retains top competitiveness ranking

by Frances Williams in Geneva, 8 Oct 2008

The U.S. has again topped a widely-watched index ranking country competitiveness, despite the financial crisis that has left it and other highly ranked nations facing market meltdown and a prolonged economic downturn. Switzerland, Denmark and Sweden retain their second, third and fourth places respectively in the league table compiled by the Geneva-based World Economic Forum.

Among the world's economic heavyweights only two apart from the US feature in the top ten – Germany, ranked seventh and Japan, ranked ninth. The UK has dropped three places from ninth to twelfth. Singapore, Finland, the Netherlands and Canada take the remaining top ten places.

More: http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/407c7b56-952f-11dd-aedd-000077b07658.html?nclick_check=1

video: The Obama Nation

People who have shaped Barack Obama's beliefs: Ayers & Dohrn, Malcolm X, Jeremiah Wright, and many other great thinkers.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=voBBx9EaEGA>

No One Sees God: The Dark Night of Atheists and Unbelievers

by Michael Novak

http://www.amazon.com/No-One-Sees-God-Believers/dp/0385526105/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1223526353&sr=1-1

Obama's retrograde economic policies will cause a permanent decline in America's standard of living. The Dear Leader *wants* this to happen, as a way of bringing more equality to the world. Equality makes socialists feel warm all over—even though, in the end, it always means equal misery for everyone.

Prepare for the Worst

by Peter Ferrara, 8 Oct 2008

...a major factor already tanking the stock market and leading foreign capital to flee America is the threat of the economic policies promised by Obama. Obama proposes increases in every major federal tax, on savers, investors, employers, small business, big business, and anyone who would start a business. Obama also promises to add additional federal spending of almost \$1.5 trillion over the next four years, including a new *global* war on poverty in which Obama would tax Americans and send the money to the UN to spend worldwide (already introduced by Obama in legislation). That would be on top of all the spending increases already scheduled for our exploding entitlements and other programs. Obama also promises a massive increase in regulatory controls, even though government regulation is already estimated to cost America over \$1 trillion per year, about \$8,000 in lost output for every U.S. household. Then there is Obama's attack on free trade and promises of protectionist trade policies that contributed so much to the Great Depression....

Read it all: http://www.spectator.org/dsp_article.asp?art_id=14015

Spokesman Admits Obama Knew About Ayers' Terrorism

7 Oct 2008

Mark Halperin (of *Time* magazine!) presses Obama spokesman Robert Gibbs into admitting that Obama knew William Ayers was an America-hating terrorist when they worked closely together in the 1990s. Until now, the Democrats have offered the lame excuse that Obama was only 8 years old at the time of Ayers' bombings, and never knew of Ayers' past until recent years. Now the truth comes out.

Watch it: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yx1Z8xhkEZ8>

Since Barack Obama's friendship with the unrepentant terrorists William Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn is in the news again, it's time to revisit this wonderful resource that John Hinderaker put together earlier this year. Part One outlines Obama's very specific and intentional connections to Ayers and Dohrn. It also contains several audio clips. Part Two features 11 clips of their most appalling anti-American rants: some from 1970, but mostly from 2007. You can click to listen, or even download them. Ayers and Dohrn, who've been friends with Barack and Michelle Obama since at least 1994, still hate America and capitalism as much as they did in the 1960s. Their views haven't changed. Could YOU be friends with such people? I don't even know of many *liberals* who could.

The Friends of Barack Obama

by John Hinderaker, 22-23 Apr 2008

Part 1: <http://www.powerlineblog.com/archives2/2008/04/020358.php>

Part 2: <http://www.powerlineblog.com/archives2/2008/04/020362.php>

The other day, Laura Ingraham referred to Bernadine Dohrn as Ayers' "**nutbag Satanic wife,**" since (as Joshua Muravchik relates) "At a meeting of the Weather Underground, she hailed the murders then recently committed by Charles Manson's demented followers. 'Dig it, first they killed those pigs, then they ate dinner in the same room with

them, they even shoved a fork into a victim's stomach!' she exulted, giving a three-fingered salute to signify a fork."

You Guys Are Nuts

by *Andrew C. McCarthy*, 7 Oct 2008

...Now, as the night went along, did you get the impression that Obama comes from the radical Left? Did you sense that he funded Leftist causes to the tune of tens of millions of dollars? Would you have guessed that he's pals with a guy who brags about bombing the Pentagon? Would you have guessed that he helped underwrite raging anti-Semites? Would you come away thinking, "Gee, he's proposing to transfer nearly a trillion dollars of wealth to third-world dictators through the UN"?

Nope. McCain didn't want to go there. So Obama comes off as just your average Center-Left politician. Gonna raise your taxes a little, gonna negotiate reasonably with America's enemies; gonna rely on our very talented federal courts to fight terrorists and solve most of America's problems; gonna legalize millions of hard-working illegal immigrants.

McCain? He comes off as Center-Right .. or maybe Center-Left ... but, either way, deeply respectful of Obama despite their policy quibbles.

Great. Memo to McCain Campaign: Someone is either a terrorist sympathizer or he isn't; someone is either disqualified as a terrorist sympathizer or he's qualified for public office. You helped portray Obama as a clearly qualified presidential candidate who would fight terrorists. If that's what the public thinks, good luck trying to win this thing...

More: <http://corner.nationalreview.com/post/?q=MmFkOTk5MTNhZjVjMmYzYzh1Y2RiYmQzN2Y3ZGZjMTg=>

McCain the Warrior awoke, pivoted on Obama the Professor, and pounded him

by *Bill Dyer*, 7 Oct 2008

...Professor Obama speaks loudly, long, and with the glib but callow voice of inexperience. Those who already loved him don't care. They are drunk, besotted with Obama hopey-changiness, and they will love him even more after tonight. Those who aren't in love with either candidate, however — those who are still actually getting to know Professor Obama — are the voters who will decide this election. Those critical voters whose minds were not already made up are coming to realize that despite the great first impression he makes, Professor Obama never actually gets any better. He doesn't suddenly become wiser; he doesn't suddenly grow a legislative record of accomplishment; on substance, he never transforms himself into anything other than the tax-and-spend Chicago pol which in fact he is. As with Professor Marvel in "The Wizard of Oz," the sound and visual effects become considerably less impressive on subsequent viewings and the little man behind the curtain harder to ignore...

All of it: <http://hughhewitt.townhall.com/blog/g/dde4aa94-ce19-4d9e-87af-3f2c6f3c1e72>

The Bomber as School Reformer

Voters—and debate moderators—shouldn't let Bill Ayers and Barack Obama off the hook.

by *Sol Stern* 6 Oct 2008

...Calling Bill Ayers a school reformer is a bit like calling Joseph Stalin an agricultural reformer. (If you find the metaphor strained, consider that Walter Duranty, the infamous *New York Times* reporter covering the Soviet Union in the 1930s, did, in fact, depict Stalin as a great land reformer who created happy, productive collective farms.) For instance, at a November 2006 education forum in Caracas, Venezuela, with President Hugo Chávez at his side, Ayers proclaimed his **support** for "the profound educational reforms under way here in Venezuela under the leadership of President Chávez. We share the belief that education is the motor-force of revolution. . . . I look forward to seeing how you continue to overcome the failings of capitalist education as you seek to create something truly new and deeply humane."...

Read the whole thing: <http://www.city-journal.org/2008/eon1006ss.html>

The Real Obama

by *Thomas Sowell*, 7 Oct 2008

...Associations are very different from alliances. Allies are not just people who happen to be where you are or

who happen to be doing the same things you do. You choose allies deliberately for a reason. The kind of allies you choose says something about you.

Jeremiah Wright, Father Michael Pfleger, William Ayers and Antoin Rezko are not just people who happened to be at the same place at the same time as Barack Obama. They are people with whom he chose to ally himself for years, and with some of whom some serious money changed hands.

Some gave political support, and some gave financial support, to Obama's election campaigns, and Obama in turn contributed either his own money or the taxpayers' money to some of them. That is a familiar political alliance—but an alliance is not just an "association" from being at the same place at the same time.

Obama could have allied himself with all sorts of other people. But, time and again, he allied himself with people who openly expressed their hatred of America. No amount of flags on his campaign platforms this election year can change that...

More: <http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=ZmM1NzBkNGI4MGRkZjFmOTg4ZjU3ODVjNmE5ZGM0OGI=>

How McCain could pull this one off

by Roger Simon, 7 Oct 2008

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/1008/14340.html>

Barney Frank's Bankrupt Ideas

by Investor's Business Daily editorial, 6 Oct 2008

Democrats created the mortgage crisis by forcing banks to give loans to people who couldn't afford them. Now Obama and Biden want bankruptcy judges to bail out the same deadbeat homeowners. And once again, Barney Frank is helping...

More: <http://www.ibdeditorials.com/IBDArticles.aspx?id=308185654524278>

Catholics & Abortion (Again)

by Cal Thomas, 7 Oct 2008

...Some Catholic politicians have tried to have it both ways. They have even tried to gain favor among their fellow Catholics by noting their strong opposition to capital punishment, which puts them in an oddly inconsistent position. **Such Catholic politicians favor preserving the lives of convicted murderers, but choose to do nothing when they have the power to stop, or at least curtail, the killing of the innocent unborn...**

...Two years ago, Pope Benedict XVI reiterated the church's "non-negotiable" issues: "Protection of life at all stages, from the moment of conception until natural death; recognition and promotion of the natural structure of the family as a union between a man and a woman based on marriage; the protection of the rights of parents to educate their children."...

Read it all: <http://www.sacbee.com/110/story/1293363.html>

See also: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ww7Rv_KjGDM

The missing SNL bailout skit — and the Soros connection

by Michelle Malkin, 6 Oct 2008

Over the weekend, I watched a hilarious, dead-on, and surprisingly honest skit on Saturday Night Live about the craptastic bailout and its Democrat roots. The skit called out Fannie/Freddie and featured Nancy Pelosi dragging out various sob-story "victims" — who turned out to be a parade of deadbeats and schemers. I was going to post the video for you tonight, but I can't.

The video has been pulled. **Vanished into thin air.** (Go [here](#) for full transcript and screenshots.)

Where did it go and why? I have a theory....

Read it all: <http://michellemalkin.com/2008/10/06/the-missing-snl-bailout-skit-and-the-soros-connection/>

We're Not Headed for a Depression

No, this isn't the crisis that kills global capitalism.

by Gary S. Becker, 7 Oct 2008

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122333679431409639.html>

If a conservative had been involved with anyone as nefarious as William Ayers, he never could have *begun* to run for President.

The Obama Ayers Relationship

The relationship between Barack Obama and Bill Ayers is much more extensive than Obama's campaign is willing to admit.

RNC, 6 Oct 2008

<http://www.gop.com/News/NewsRead.aspx?Guid=768aa784-72f3-4b43-acb6-c5fe81d901cd>

Fire in the Night

The Weathermen tried to kill my family.

by John M. Murtagh, 30 April 2008

<http://www.city-journal.org/2008/eon0430jm.html>

A noted liberal blogger has been helping to bring Barack Obama's perfidy to light.

NY Times Confirms Ayers' Role in Obama Appointment as Chair of the Chicago Annenberg Challenge

by Steve Diamond, 4 Oct 2008

...The partial story of the Ayers/Obama relationship told by the New York Times today is collapsing of its own weight but has likely added to the confusion. Since I am one of the "bloggers" referred to without an explanation in the Times' story I thought I would summarize the top ten highlights of the current state of play.

It turns out as these ten key points confirm what I have argued all along—that Bill Ayers was responsible for the elevation of Obama to the Chicago Annenberg Challenge board and the New York Times reporting on this story actually supports my conclusion, though inadvertently...

Read on: <http://globallabor.blogspot.com/2008/10/where-are-we-now-update-on-ayersobama.html>

Our future Dear Leader and Mrs. Dear Leader have known the unrepentant terrorist William Ayers for a long time, and have agreed with him on a lot of things. Eleven years ago, Barack and Michelle Obama joined Ayers in blaming criminal acts not on the criminals, but on the rest of society—which, in their grievance-mongering eyes, is racist. If you think the members of this panel had seriously differing worldviews, you were born yesterday.

Close-up on juvenile justice

Author, former offender among speakers.

by Jennifer Vanasco, University of Chicago News Office, 4 Nov 1997

<http://chronicle.uchicago.edu/971106/justice.shtml>

A quick overview and recap.

The mortgage scandal roots

Washington Times editorial, 6 Oct 2008

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2008/oct/06/the-roots-of-the-mortgage-scandal/>

Even a Bush-hating liberal says it's ridiculous to blame deregulation for the financial crisis.

Blaming Deregulation

by Sebastian Mallaby, 6 Oct 2008

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/10/05/AR2008100501253.html>

Biden's Fantasy World

Wall Street Journal editorial, 6 Oct 2008

...Or how about his rewriting of Bosnia history to assert that John McCain didn't support President Clinton in the 1990s. "My recommendations on Bosnia, I admit I was the first one to recommend it. They saved tens of thousands of lives. And initially John McCain opposed it along with a lot of other people. But the end result was it worked." Mr. Biden's immodesty aside, Mr. McCain supported Mr. Clinton on Bosnia, as did Bob Dole even as he was running against him for President in 1996—in contrast to the way Mr. Biden and Democratic leaders have tried to undermine President Bush on Iraq.

Closer to home, the Delaware blarney stone also invited Americans to join him at "Katie's restaurant" in Wilmington to witness middle-class struggles. Just one problem: Katie's closed in the 1980s. The mistake is more than a memory lapse because it exposes how phony is Mr. Biden's attempt to pose for this campaign as Lunchbucket Joe...

Read it all: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122325448093406451.html>

Wait a minute...Hell is about to freeze over:

'SNL' Skit Blames Democrats For Financial Crisis

by Noel Sheppard, 5 Oct 2008

<http://newsbusters.org/blogs/noel-sheppard/2008/10/05/snl-skit-blames-democrats-financial-crisis>

Voter Fraud Expected To Be Rampant

by John Fund, 5 Oct 2008

http://www.nypost.com/seven/10052008/postopinon/opedcolumnists/voter_fraud_expected_to_be_rampant_132170.htm

NYT's Ayers-Obama Whitewash

by Stanley Kurtz, 4 Oct 2008

As others have noted, today's *New York Times* carries a **story** on the relationship between Barack Obama and unrepentant Weather Underground terrorist, Bill Ayers. The piece serves as a platform for the Obama campaign and Obama's friends and allies. Obama's spokesman and supporters' names are named and their versions of events are presented in detail, with quotes. Yet the article makes no serious attempt to present the views of Obama critics who have worked to uncover the true nature of the relationship. That makes this piece irresponsible journalism, and an obvious effort by the former paper of record to protect Obama...

Read on: <http://corner.nationalreview.com/post/?q=ZW10MjY3NzMyODgxZGM2ZjUwNTE1MmEzOGRiZmFkNWE=>

Obama's Leftism

by Joshua Muravchik, 24 Sept 2008

...Last year, for example, the average Senator voted with his own party 84 percent of the time; Obama voted with his party 96 percent of the time. In the prior two years, his number was 95 percent, making him the fourth most partisan member of the Senate. And not just partisan, but also highly ideological. In 2007, according to the *National Journal*, Obama's voting record made him "the most liberal Senator." Throughout his Senate career, according to Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), the dean of liberal advocacy groups, Obama voted "right" 90 percent of the time. Actually this is misleading, since ADA counts an absence as if it were a vote on the "wrong" side. If we discount his absences, Obama voted to ADA's approval more than 98 percent of the time...

...when all this was revealed, Obama, under pressure from the Hillary Clinton campaign, declared himself "shocked" at Wright's vitriol. But in truth not only was he aware of Wright's views, they were what had drawn him to Trinity church in the first place...

...The ostensible purpose of the project was to reinvigorate Chicago's flagging decentralization project. Ayers devised a structure made up of three connected elements, of which the main two were the Collaborative, or operational center, and the Board, with overall financial control. Ayers named himself to head the Collaborative;

Barack Obama, apparently by Ayers's choice, became chairman of the Board.

So it is conceivable that the two met as late as 1994, but this hardly seems likely. Would anyone yield control of the purse to someone he did not already know well and trust thoroughly? And what exactly were Obama's credentials in the field of school reform, unless he had been active in the ABC's with Ayers in the 1980's? At the very latest, the two must have met sometime after Obama returned from Harvard in late 1991 or early 1992, well before he was chosen to chair the board in 1995...

...Early this year his wife Michelle, lacking his tact, would kindle controversy by saying that his success in the presidential primaries made her feel proud of her country for the first time. The comment, a faux pas that she was soon at pains to explain away, flowed logically from her view, expressed in her standard stump speech, that our country is a "downright mean" place, "guided by fear," where the "life . . . that most people are living has gotten progressively worse."...

...In this litany of global perfidy, the issues of Saddam Hussein's murderous dictatorship, of American security, of the future of freedom, shrink to inconsequentiality next to the struggle of the oppressed against their American capitalist overlords....

Read it all: <https://www.commentarymagazine.com/viewarticle.cfm/special-preview-br—obama-s-leftism-12961?page=all>

Bill Dyer introduces it as follows:

"...Dan's ultimate conclusion — that the Democratic ticket suffers from an "Integrity Gap that Obama simply can't surmount and can only hope to obscure" — is a sweeping one, but it's backed up by an impressive assembly of meticulously organized supporting details, all hyperlinked back to a huge array of sources. The first part focuses on nitty-gritty details of Gov. Palin's political history in Alaska, and it demonstrates how her reputation as a reformer isn't based just on occasional or random events, but rather on a consistent history. I commend it to you as a genuinely impressive piece of scholarly blogging."

The Integrity Gap, Part I of III: Gov. Sarah Palin

by *Dan McLaughlin*, 2 Oct 2008

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From a British paper that's usually left-wing: an essay of sheer brilliance. I'm not sure about Rep. Frank's steely sphincter, though. Maybe it's the result of a lot of exercise.

Democrat fingerprints are all over the financial crisis

The least well off are going to face the most stringent terms for mortgages.

by *Dominic Lawson*, 3 October 2008

...when I see such senior Democrats as Barney Frank, Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, and Christopher Dodd, Chairman of the Senate's Banking Committee, play the part of avenging angels—well, I can

only stand in silent awe at the sheer tight-bottomed nerve of it. These are men with sphincters of steel.

What is the proximate cause of the collapse of confidence in the world's banks? Millions of improvident loans to American housebuyers. Which organisations were on their own responsible for guaranteeing half of this \$12 trillion market? Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, the so-called Government Sponsored Enterprises which last month were formally nationalised to prevent their immediate and catastrophic collapse. Now, who do you think were among the leading figures blocking all the earlier attempts by President Bush—and other Republicans—to bring these lending behemoths under greater regulatory control? Step forward, Barney Frank and Chris Dodd...

Read the rest:

<http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/commentators/dominic-lawson/dominic-lawson-democrat-fingerprints-are-all-over-the-financial-crisis-949653.html>

Palin's one fault was her failure to address Biden's ridiculous assertions that "deregulation" had *anything* to do with the mortgage meltdown...

VP Debate Transcript

<http://elections.nytimes.com/2008/president/debates/transcripts/vice-presidential-debate.html>

VP Debate Scorecard

by *Hugh Hewitt*, 2 Oct 2008 [typing-while-listening]

<http://hughhewitt.townhall.com/blog/g/3c55b5cf-1d9f-4336-82d9-bbdb1be2f717>

Free Sarah Palin

She's doing just fine being herself.

Wall Street Journal editorial, 3 Oct 2008

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122300588457301501.html>

Comeback

by *Fred Barnes*, 3 Oct 2008

The moment when Sarah Palin knew she was winning last night's debate with her vice presidential opponent Joe Biden came after the subject had turned to nuclear weapons. Palin had talked about nukes as a deterrent and said it was important to keep them out of the hands of dictators who are enemies of America. Then she turned to moderator Gwen Ifill and asked, "Can we talk about Afghanistan real quick?"...

<http://www.weeklystandard.com/Content/Public/Articles/000/000/015/644eyzga.asp>

Biden's Big Lie

In tonight's debate, Joe Biden claimed that Barack Obama never said he would meet unconditionally with Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. That was a blatant, shameless lie...

http://littlegreenfootballs.com/article/31447_Bidens_Big_Lie

Biden's Lebanon Nonsense

From *The Corner*, a letter from a reader points out another series of ludicrous statements from Joe Biden, just making up a bunch of total nonsense about Lebanon and the Hezbollah terror group...

http://littlegreenfootballs.com/article/31450_Bidens_Lebanon_Nonsense

Biden Doesn't Know the Difference Between Gaza and the West Bank

http://littlegreenfootballs.com/article/31451_Biden_Doesnt_Know_the_Difference_Between_Gaza_and_the_West_Bank

Old media dinosaurs have NOT asked Sarah Palin about her actual accomplishments

by *Bill Dyer*, 1 Oct 2008

In considering Sarah Palin's fitness as a vice presidential nominee, it's absolutely crucial to distinguish between

mere tenure in office and actual accomplishments while there. In their televised interviews with her, however, Charlie Gibson and Katie Couric have almost completely ignored Governor Palin's actual record in office. So, too, have most of the old-media sources who've been writing about her. They'd far rather dig through a dumpster or watch videos of a guest pastor from Kenya speaking at a church Gov. Palin has sometimes attended than talk about Gov. Palin's day job as chief executive of the largest state in America.

There's yet another important aspect to her candidacy that the mainstream media has ignored almost as resolutely, which is her courage and determination in campaigning as an underdog reformer, taking on deeply entrenched and ethically challenged members of her own party in Alaska. Arguably that's her most important accomplishment of all, given how much of a cesspool Washington has become. But let's set that aside for the moment...

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