

SENATOR OBAMA'S PLIGHT:

## Bind the Wounds

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*Former U.S. Presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. speaks in his capacity as the responsible official of the LaRouche Political Action Committee (LPAC) on the implications of the recent crisis in this Obama nomination campaign.*

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The difficulties presently plaguing Senator Barack Obama's campaign for the Democratic Party's Presidential nomination prompt me to speak out in the effort to bring an added note of much-needed political sense in the currently ongoing Presidential primary campaign.

It should be said, and widely agreed, that in the event Senator Obama's campaign founders under the weight of certain recent developments, we must recognize, nonetheless, that the supporters of Senator Obama's campaign have certain highly relevant citizen's rights, especially citizens in the lower eighty percentile of income brackets. I emphasize mainly the right of those citizens to be fairly represented, not dumped, were the Senator's campaign, for example, to founder.

The essential interest of the citizen lies in the success of the U.S. Presidency, not some misconceived proprietary interest in the outcome of some "spoils system." That citizen is presently menaced, as is most of the world as a whole, by a terrible, hyper-inflationary form of ongoing collapse and threatened disintegration of the entire world's economic and related systems. The real issues of politics today, world wide, are not partisan as much as they are viciously existential. We should govern

our politics, and our selves, accordingly.

For this presently skyrocketing crisis, there are certain remedies available under the specific form of design of our peculiar constitutional system of Federal government, which are more or less unique and globally relevant advantages inhering in our history and our constitutional system. Regrettably, virtually none of those remedies are being deployed at the Federal level in the Presidency or Congress at this time. The effects of the presently escalating global financial and physical economic crisis are actually worse, even more menacing, in the presently disintegrating systems of western and central



*Barack Obama with supporters in Texas. His supporters must be fairly represented, should the Senator's campaign founder.*

Europe, than in the U.S.A. itself; the actual, or threatened effects on the conditions of life of most of the world, are, so far, worse than we face, presently, here.

In this circumstance, with the remedies, like those employed by President Franklin Roosevelt, available under the influence of our history and our constitutional system, we have the responsibility of turning those features of our constitutional system employed by that great President, to succor the well-being of our nation and the generality of its citizens and their offspring, and also to promote the defense of the general welfare of the nations and their people of this planet.

Therefore, let us now choose this moment of crisis to affirm that the constituencies associated recently with the cause of Senator Obama's campaign will be assured, by all of us—at the least, most of us—of the promotion and protection of

those citizens' interest in our Presidency, more than the special considerations which might be sought as the rewards of a successful candidate for the Presidential nomination and Presidency. Most of those citizens, like the rank and file of the supporters of Obama's and Senator Hillary Clinton's candidacies, have inherent rights which must be protected by the institution of the Presidency. It is those rights, especially those of the lower eighty percentile of our family income-brackets, which must be served as a commitment to be expected of all of us who care.

Those rights, that perspective, is what seems to me, to have been often lost in the hurly-burly of the current Presidential marathon up to this point. It is the interest of the electorate in what we should require of the new Presidency, not in a particular candidate, which must be supported in principle by us all.

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# As Dem Race Shifts to Clinton, Issue Is Still the Lower 80%

by Debra Hanania-Freeman

For those who thought that Hillary Clinton's stunning win in Pennsylvania represented on April 22 the height of political drama, the fact is that the events of the last few days have proven to be even more dramatic.

Although the mathematics of the results have not all that significantly changed, the events leading into the May 6 primaries in Indiana and North Carolina have shown that the psychology of the race certainly has, shifting the ground in very important ways for Hillary Clinton.

After his defeat in Pennsylvania, the usually slick, poised Obama appeared more rattled than at any time in his campaign, political analysts have noted. Pennsylvania once again made the emphatic point that, save his home state of Illinois, Obama has failed to beat Clinton in any major state, including states that are deemed "must wins" for any Democratic Presidential candidate. But, Obama wasn't the only one rattled.

The day after the Pennsylvania defeat, Obama's top campaign strategist David Axelrod, told a National Public Radio (NPR) interviewer that the campaign wasn't worried about the loss in Pennsylvania, any more than it was about the loss in Ohio. When the somewhat startled NPR interviewer asked Axelrod to explain, Axelrod went on to say that Clinton's big wins in both states were attributed to her strong support among blue collar workers, which he dismissed as "insignificant" to Obama, "since they always vote Republican."

Just a couple of weeks earlier, the online *Huffington Post's* Mayhill Fowler had caught Obama on tape, talking to

an affluent crowd of supporters at an April 6 San Francisco fundraiser, making what were considered to be bigotted, condescending remarks about the very same demographic layer, saying that blue collar workers were "clinging to guns, religion and anti-immigration sentiment because they are bitter about Washington's unfulfilled economic promises."

## Casting Aside Blue-Collar Dems

The two remarks, taken together, could no longer be categorized as "gaffes" or misstatements. Clearly, despite all the Obama rhetoric about broad coalitions and expanding the Democratic Party's base, a massive segment of the party's traditional base—the very segment that any Democrat *must* win—was being cast aside.

Things got worse for Obama when his longtime pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, made a highly publicized appearance at the National Press Club May 28. Wright repeated his earlier remarks that the United States deserved to be attacked on Sept. 11, because "we nuked far more than the thousands in New York and the Pentagon, and we never batted an eye." The controversial minister said the only reason that Obama was distancing himself from Wright now, was that "politicians say what they say and do what they do based on electability, based on sound bites, based on polls," and that Obama "had to distance himself, because he's a politician." The remarks caused a national uproar just one week before the next big battlegrounds in Indiana and North Carolina