

LaRouche's Invitation

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To rescue the Democratic Party from the still reverberating and enervating boredom of the recent South Carolina charade, I am offering to host a web-cast event, in the Washington, D.C. area, to which all ten present Democratic Presidential pre-candidates will be invited to present and argue what they consider to be the kernel of their case.

It is of crucial strategic importance for this nation, that the Democratic Party present itself as a lively and well-focussed opposition to the mounting mass of follies of the present Bush Administration.

I propose that the thematic issue to be addressed, be

the principal real issue within the Democratic Party ranks today:

Is the precedent of FDR's response to Hoover's 1929-33 Depression, still relevant for today's crisis? Why, or why not?

I propose that each participant present his or her view on this, initially, within an agreed sharing of the time for opening few sentences, followed by approximately two hours of more fulsome debate on that thematic issue.

I propose that this become the first of a series of such thematic presentations, of two hours or more duration, on other leading topics which tend to unite or divide candidates.

I intend that such an event should occur as soon as feasible.

The slogan for the series might be, that a good, hearty squabble over leading national and world policy-issues is the only way in which Democratic voters were ever willfully united.—*Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.*