

Clinton Won Florida; Florida Vote Stands!

by Michele Steinberg

A major part of the problem that is obstructing the certification of Florida's elected Democratic Presidential delegates, is Al Gore; Gore is a British agent, operating against the United States, and even seeking to grab its Presidency in a "brokered convention" scheme with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Gore and his agents in the Democratic Party—including the "Vermont Screamer" Howard Dean—are responsible for this fraud against Florida.

Screamin' Dean, the chairman of the Democratic National Committee (DNC), and his cohort Pelosi are party to an orchestrated fraud against Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, and against the 1.7 million Democratic voters in Florida, who voted in the Jan. 29 primary election, overwhelmingly, in favor of Clinton.

Clinton received 50% of the vote, more than the combined totals of Barack Obama, who had 33%, and John Edwards, who received 14%. But Clinton's 105 delegates, out of 211, will not be counted—because of a DNC vote in 2007, to disqualify the Florida delegates—after Republican Gov. Charlie Crist rammed through legislation on Aug. 3, 2007, to hold the primary elections for both Democrats and Republicans on Jan. 29—placing Florida sixth in the Democratic primaries for 2008. Democratic state legislators tried to stop Crist's maneuver, but, were unable to do so, given the Republicans' two-to-one majority in the Florida House and Senate (Republicans have a 76-42 majority in the House, and an 26-14 majority in the Senate).

This is a disgusting fraud, and Lyndon LaRouche, chairman of the LaRouche Political Action Committee (LPAC) singled out Howard Dean as responsible. LaRouche also voiced his disgust at those Democratic Party bosses who are playing Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama as one would play a pinball machine. This could mean a defeat for the Democrats if the voters in Florida are disenfranchised.

"The Florida Democratic primary vote was a fully legitimate vote, the largest turnout of Democratic voters in the history of the state," said an LPAC statement issued on March 23. "There is no need for a re-election. The vote stands, and if the Democratic National Committee, especially Howard Dean, tries to prevent those legitimately elected delegates from being seated, this will not only mean the end of Dean and company. It could mean a defeat for the Democrats [in



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“Vermont Screamer” Howard Dean, along with Al Gore and Nancy Pelosi, are responsible for the fraud against Florida’s Democratic voters, refusing to count the results of a fully legitimate primary.

November], on the basis of the disgusting corruption of the top party officials, starting with the DNC chairman. Will a perfectly legal vote be recognized? This is the question. In the end, corruption never pays.

“The Florida primary election, which was won by Hillary Clinton, by a wide margin over Barack Obama, was fully legal. The government of the State of Florida voted for the primaries of both parties to occur on the specified date. Voters turned out for the Democratic primary more massively than in any previous primary election. The election was carried out legally—despite the clown antics of Dean, and others, like Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi,” the statement continued. “Once you understand what happened in Florida, you understand where the whole election process stands. There was intentional fraud by the Democratic Party leadership, and the Florida fraud was part of a larger scheme to use Barack Obama to kill Hillary Clinton’s candidacy—and then sit back and watch the dumping of Obama, via an operation run from London.”

Dean, Pelosi Side with Creepy Crist

Remember the backdrop to this travesty: It was the Republican governor and the Republican majority in both houses of the legislature, that set the timetable for the primary election. It was done over the protest of the Democratic Party of Florida, which wished to be in compliance with the DNC timetable. There was nothing they could do, in the face of the Republican majority. Democratic voters in Florida turned out

in record numbers, because they fully considered the primary to be a legitimate event, that would reflect their preferences for the party’s nominee. It is clear, from reports on the ground, that this was a legitimate vote, that voters mobilized their families, friends, and neighbors to turn out—as they did, in record numbers, recalling the 2000 vote when Supreme Court fascist, Justice Antonin Scalia, stopped a hand recount of the sloppy, fraud-ridden election that had been orchestrated by then Gov. Jeb Bush, and installed the Bush-Cheney regime.

On Aug. 4, 2007, Associate Press reported, “Gov. Charlie Crist said [today] that he would veto any bill attempting to change Florida’s presidential primary to a later date.” When Democratic State Rep. Dan Gelberg (Miami Beach) introduced a measure in the House to move the primary to a later date, on Feb. 5, Crist dismissed the effort as futile, and threatened to veto the amendment if it ever got to his desk.

In February 2008, in a continuing fight to have the Florida votes counted, Gelber posted an audio segment on his blog [<http://dangelber.com/news/viewTempBlog.php?id=22>], of the floor “debate” on his amendment.

Gelber, who was advocating an all-inclusive vote-by-mail re-vote in order to ensure representation for Florida voters, wrote on his blog: “The Florida Legislature is decidedly Republican controlled and though we tried, the Republicans actually laughed at our efforts to move the primary to February 5. In fact what follows is the audio file here when I presented an amendment on the Floor of the House (with 32 Democratic cosponsors) that would have moved the primary to February 5. Once the DNC decided to punish us worse than Republicans punished Florida Republicans, they gave Florida Republicans control over our fate. *Jacta alea est*” [“The die is cast”—Julius Caesar].

The audio, from a May 3, 2007 exchange between Gelber and Rep. David Rivera (R-Miami), demonstrates the malicious intent of the Florida Republicans, and their glee that the DNC was disenfranchising the Florida Democratic voters. It was transcribed for the first time by *EIR*, and appears here:

“**Rivera:** Mr. Gelber ... your amendment is trying to move the primary *beyond* Jan. 29 to Feb. 5, I assume, in trying to appease perhaps leaders of your national party who would like to do that? What are you exactly trying to appease the leaders of your national party? [Gelber responds.] So, Representative Gelber, let me get this straight! [Rivera shout-

ing] You are asking us to help the Democratic national party to *stop punishing* the Florida Democratic Party [jeering, laughter heard]. You're asking the Republican members of this caucus to help the national Democrats [hah!] stop them from punishing the Florida Democrats [loud laughter]. Is that accurate?"

But, the die is *not* cast, if national pressure is brought to bear on the Democratic National Committee, telling them, "the Florida vote stands," as LaRouche has demanded.

On March 17, after tens of thousands of protests from enraged Democratic voters to the state Democratic Party, and after a protest from the majority of Florida's Congressional Democrats, the state party decided to abandon the plan for a private company to run a mail-in primary, at a cost of \$10-15 million. The position of the voters and elected officials is clear—we already voted, in record numbers. Our votes must count.

Federal Appeals Court Agrees Votes Must Count

On March 21, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed, without prejudice, a Florida lawsuit challenging the decision by the DNC not to count Florida's primary delegates because it scheduled its primary election in violation of DNC rules. The suit argued that by refusing to recognize the results of the Florida primary, the DNC is in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

The appeals court turned down the suit on purely technical grounds, because the plaintiff, Victor DiMaio of Tampa, had filed it long before the primary took place. He filed in August 2007, right after the GOP-dominated Florida legislature passed legislation setting the date of the early primary, and the DNC immediately voted not to seat the 211 Florida Democratic delegates.

But, the court also noted the issues raised. "This appeal raises a number of interesting and potentially significant questions concerning the impact of the Equal Protection Clause on an individual's right to vote in a primary election, the extent of the Fourteenth Amendment's state action requirement and the associational interests of national political parties," the court wrote. By dismissing the suit *without* prejudice—meaning that it can be refiled now that the voter has been injured, by not having his vote counted—the appeals court overturned a lower court decision that rubber-stamped the Republican Party/DNC fraud.

But there should be *no need* for a new lawsuit, any more than there is a need for a new primary.

The Florida election was valid, and the Florida vote stands! A national mobilization of the Party of Franklin D. Roosevelt against Screamin' Dean, Nancy Pelosi, the corrupt members of the Kennedy-Schwarzenegger family, will ensure that justice is done.

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