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The 100th Day Press Charade

Senator Specter's defection to the Democrat Party and the mainstream media's continued refusal to ask President Obama any tough questions has created a situation in Washington that should make hardworking American taxpayers worry. The liberals (media included) are essentially governing without any checks and balances.



Wednesday night's press conference marking President Obama's 100th day in office was nothing more than another charade. The President, while boasting of his atypical presidency and the "seven or eight big problems" he has to deal with, felt obliged to give only 57 minutes of his

time to the American people to explain his positions.

During the 57 minute show, the ultra-friendly reporters called on didn't think to ask one question about the unprecedented \$3.4 trillion budget passed by Congress, the 30 prisoners being released from Guantanamo Bay, or the President's apparent insult of Fox News Channel and the Tea Party Movement. All of those events occurred within hours of the press conference!

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First 100 Days: "Foreign" Policy

After 100 days in office, President Obama has made many questionable overtures, decisions, and statements that will greatly weaken our standing around the globe in the years to come. Here are the foreign policy missteps to date:

Iraq

On February 27th, President Obama informed the enemy that the United States will be withdrawing all U.S. combat troops from Iraq by August 2010. On April 7th, the President made a surprise visit to Iraq, where apparently politics was on the front burner: "The troops were interrogated beforehand, with those military members who had voted for President Obama given identical digital cameras and placed in front of the media cameras covering the event."

Afghanistan

On March 6th, President Obama stated for public consumption that the United States was not winning the war in Afghanistan, and that he was considering talks with "moderate elements" of the Taliban.

Iran

On March 20th, President Obama released a web video reaching out to Iran, a country whose leaders regularly predict Israel's destruction. A month later, on April 20th, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called Israel a "cruel and repressive racist regime" at a United Nations' Conference On Racism in Geneva.

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100 Days: The Mainstream Media's Love Affair With President Obama Continues

On April 27, 2009, The Center For Media And Public Affairs released a report on the media's coverage of President Obama during his first months in office.

Here are some of the findings, which confirm that the liberal media is hopelessly biased in its coverage of President Obama:

"During his first 50 days in office, the three broadcast network evening news shows devoted 1021 stories lasting 27 hours 44 minutes to Barack Obama's presidency. The daily average of seven stories and over 11 minutes of airtime represents about half of the entire newscasts. By contrast, at this point in their presidencies George W. Bush had received 7 hours 42 minutes and Bill Clinton garnered 15 hours 2 minutes of coverage, for a combined total airtime five hours less than Mr. Obama's."

"Mr. Obama has received not only more press but also better press than his immediate predecessors. On the ABC, CBS, and NBC evening news, fifty-eight percent of all evaluations of the president and his policies have been favorable, and 42 percent were unfavorable. CMPA's previous studies of network news found that George W. Bush received only 33 percent positive evaluations by sources and reporters during the first 50 days of his administration in 2001, and Bill Clinton received only 44 percent positive evaluations during his first ten weeks (70 days) in office in 1993."

"The three networks have evaluated Mr. Obama very similarly - 57% positive comments on ABC, 58% positive on CBS, and 61% positive on NBC. But he fared far better in New York Times stories, where nearly three out of four evaluative comments (73%) by sources and reporters were favorable."

These findings are extremely informative, but not in the least bit surprising. The mainstream media is saturating the airwaves with glowing coverage of President Obama. It's no wonder that everyday more and more Americans are getting their news from alternative sources so they can find out what's really going on with their government.

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Instead of probing the President about one of these critical issues, Jeff Zeleny of *The New York Times*, asked the leader of the free world what has “enchanted you the most from serving in this office?”

Along with being President Obama’s 100th day in office, April 29 was also the one year anniversary of candidate Obama’s press conference in which he finally denounced the divisive message of his pastor Jeremiah Wright: “The person I saw yesterday was not the person that I met 20 years ago.”

In the days when the media acted as a watchdog for the public, an investigative reporter may have picked up on this fact and asked the President if he’s had a chance to speak with Reverend Wright since he took office.

Our system of checks and balances was designed to prevent one person or group from accumulating too much power. When the comedian Al Franken takes his seat in the U.S. Senate, the Democrats will have a filibuster-proof majority. Along with a media that’s in the tank, this makes for a dangerous combination. We, The People are now the last hope and must demand our voices be heard.

Notable Quotables

Hugo Chavez’ View of America

"The United States brought the [Sept. 11] attacks upon itself, for their arrogant imperialist foreign policy."

The U.S. government under Bush is the "most savage, cruel and murderous empire that has existed in the history of the world."

"Capitalism will lead to the destruction of humanity ... [and America] is the devil that represents capitalism."

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Saudi Arabia

On April 1st, controversy erupted as video showed President Obama apparently bowing to King Abdullah at a G-20 meeting in London.

North Korea

On April 5th, hours after the rogue regime in North Korea threatened United States’ security with a missile test, President Obama stated his intention to disarm: “Today, I state clearly and with conviction America’s commitment to seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons.”

Cuba

On April 16th, Cuban President Raul Castro stated that “everything” was on the table for potential talks with the U.S. On April 17th, President Obama responded by saying that he “seeks a new beginning with Cuba.” A few days later, Fidel Castro injected himself into the discussion. According to *The Associated Press*, “Fidel Castro says President Barack Obama ‘misinterpreted’ his brother Raul’s remarks regarding the United States and bristled at the suggestion that Cuba should free political prisoners or cut taxes on dollars people send to the island.”

Venezuela

On April 18th, President Obama shook hands with Venezuela’s dictator, Hugo Chavez. Over the past several years, Chavez has made countless anti-American statements, including blaming the September 11th attacks on America.

Pakistan

On April 22nd, according to *USA Today*, “Just back from a visit to Pakistan, Sen. John Kerry says the Obama administration’s plan for that volatile country, rolled out last month with great fanfare, ‘is not a real strategy.’”

Obama Doctrine: Face Prosecution For Keeping The Country Safe?

The first hundred days of the Obama Administration was characterized by superficial attempts at bipartisanship such as inviting a couple of token Republicans over to the White House to watch the Super Bowl. These small gestures have served him well in the media which has fallen all over itself to confer an aura of “bipartisanship” onto President Obama.

For all his talk about turning the page and ending partisanship in Washington during the campaign, President Obama recently opened the door to what could potentially be the most divisive issue in the history of the nation.

With the release of previously classified memos detailing the interrogations of two high

-value al Qaeda prisoners, President Obama has introduced a dangerous notion into the political discourse in this country—the idea that officials can be prosecuted by the opposition for political decisions once they have left office.



Just days before reversing himself, President Obama released a statement addressing the matter which read, in part: “[t]his is not a time for retribution. It's a time for reflection. It's not a time to use our energy and our time in looking back and in a sense of anger and retribution.” His Chief of Staff, Rahm Emanuel, subsequently affirmed that declaration, saying “...those who devised the policy, he believes that they . . . should

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First 100 Days: Partisan DHS

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) main priority is supposed to be protecting the American people. This critically important goal requires serious leadership and a commitment to stay above the partisanship in Washington. The world sees DHS as our institutional response to the attacks of September 11, 2001, so it's essential that its credibility is maintained. When evidence emerges that DHS could have a hidden political agenda, it can have a dire effect on the agency's central mission.

Secretary Janet Napolitano is in charge of the Department and is responsible for its actions - good and bad. Recently, the Department released a report warning law enforcement groups about rightwing extremists as potential terrorist threats. Incredulously, the report actually defines “rightwing extremism” partly as “those that are mainly antigovernment, rejecting federal authority, in favor of state or local authority, or rejecting government authority entirely. It may include groups and individuals that are dedicated to a single issue, such as op-

position to abortion or immigration.”

Read The Report Here: <http://video1.washingtontimes.com/video/extremismreport.pdf>

To add insult to injury, the report also surmises that our heroes returning from the battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan could become extremists. Under the title “Disgruntled Military Veterans,” the report states that “rightwing extremists will attempt to recruit and radicalize returning veterans in order to exploit their skills and knowledge derived from military training and combat.”

Our federal government, under the leadership of Barack Obama and Janet Napolitano, is actually monitoring military veterans and other Americans who support states rights, are pro-life or against illegal immigration as possible terror threats! Sadly, this report smacks of a political agenda that aims to marginalize law-abiding, conservative-leaning Americans. Janet Napolitano needs to take responsibility for releasing a report like this and step down in order to restore credibility at DHS.

not be prosecuted either.”

The matter seemed settled at that point. The memos were released, the information was out in the public domain, and the American people could make their own judgment. But then President Obama caved into the left and reversed himself, opening himself to the possibility that former Bush Administration officials could be prosecuted for decisions made, in good faith, to protect the country.

Some will argue that President Obama declared that he was only open to the prosecution of the lawyers that had rendered the legal opinions. Therefore, he would not attempt to prosecute high level officials, making the issue moot. But to prosecute the lawyers for producing a piece of paper without prosecuting either the people who actually performed the act or the decision makers who ordered the waterboarding, smacks of a disingenuous attempt to placate the left by putting someone in jail without going all the way to the top.

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First 100 Days: Partisanship Reigns in Obama's Washington

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The American people, whatever their feelings on the act of waterboarding, will not abide a President who stoops to such a petty level. They recognize that it is fundamentally unfair to attempt to jail mid-level attorneys because the current administration disagrees with their legal opinions, while ignoring the top and bottom of the chain of command.

By reversing positions in an attempt to soothe the fringe left that carried him through the pri-

maries, President Obama has painted himself into a corner because the logical conclusion of his new position leads straight to the CIA Director's office, to the Director of National Intelligence's office, and back to the Oval Office.

That path also runs directly through Nancy Pelosi's office and all of the other congressional leaders who were briefed on the CIA's interrogation tactics and who voted to fund those activities. Will President Obama have the courage to call out those congressional leaders from his own party to the mat for their approval of waterboarding? Will the Democrat leadership own up to their complicity? Of

course not. This will be nothing but a partisan witch hunt.

Now President Obama has a choice. He can either reverse himself a second time and declare

that his administration will not engage in the kind of political retribution usually reserved for opponents of third-world dictatorships, or he can embroil the country in a divisive series of show trials that this country has ever seen.

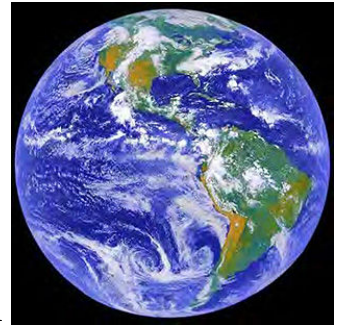
You can be certain that once the prosecutions begin with low-level attorneys, deals will be cut and partisan pressure will be applied to force the investigations up the chain of command. Once that happens, we're in for a long and ugly process. It appears that President Obama has started us down a very slippery slope. There is still time to stop, but he must act quickly before we, as a country, go over the edge.

Obama's Earth Day Hypocrisy

When will liberals learn that nobody likes a hypocrite? Just for a nice Earth Day photo opportunity in Newton, Iowa (a 2012 presidential swing state), *CBS News* reported that President Obama burned through more than 9,000 gallons of fuel to get there. You read that right. *CBS News* actually reported something negative about President Obama in his first 100 days! Mr. Obama felt it was important to make his environmentally friendly speech from a plant that makes towers for wind turbines. After wasting all that fuel, President Obama stressed the need to cut carbon pollution: "But the bulk of our efforts must focus on unleashing a new, clean-energy economy that will begin to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, will cut our carbon pollution by about 80 percent by 2050, and create millions of new jobs right here in America."

If this liberal environmental hypocrisy sounds familiar, it should. Former Vice President Al Gore is a leader on the issue. After winning

the Oscar for *An Inconvenient Truth*, the Tennessee Center for Policy Research found that "Gore's mansion, located in the posh Belle Meade area of Nashville, consumes more electricity every month than the average American



household uses in an entire year ... In his documentary, the former Vice President calls on Americans to conserve energy by reducing electricity consumption at home... Since the release of *An Inconvenient Truth*, Gore's energy consumption has increased from an average of 16,200 kWh per month in 2005, to 18,400 kWh per month in 2006."

It turns out that Obama and Gore could learn a thing or two from a surprising source: Texas oilman and former President George W. Bush. In 2001, *USA Today* called his ranch an "eco-friendly haven."

Obama Administration Incompetence

During the campaign, President Obama promised to end the so-called incompetence of the Bush Administration. He also promised to get government working on behalf of the everyday American again. What happened over the New York City skyline on Monday morning calls these promises into question. On the eve of his 100th day in office, in a stunning display of incompetence, the Obama Administration caused a panic in New York City by authorizing a low-altitude "flying photo op" of one of President Obama's 747s over Manhattan! According to the *Wall Street Journal*: "As a result, to onlookers Monday all across downtown Manhattan - where the World Trade Center once stood - the photo shoot looked like a terrorist attack. People watched in horror as a massive aircraft, trailed closely by an F-16 fighter jet, banked and roared low near the city, in a frightening echo of the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Fearing the worst, thousands of people streamed out of the skyscrapers and into the streets. Some buildings ordered evacuations." In a horrible display of insensitivity, the President would only say the operation was "a mistake."



To make matters worse, a memo has surfaced indicating that officials were well aware that the stunt would cause panic in the streets, but decided against warning the public in advance. And just how much does this type of photo op cost the taxpayer? A whopping \$328,835! President Obama should fire the people responsible for this incident.

Sebelius Is 6th Obama Nominee With Tax Problems!

Former Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius, President Obama's nominee for Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), was confirmed by the Democrat-controlled U.S. Senate on Tuesday. Sebelius was confirmed despite the fact that she failed to pay her taxes accurately, and apparently misled the Senate Finance Committee about questionable campaign contributions. Earlier this month it was reported that "an audit of her and her husband's 2005, 2006, 2007 tax returns has revealed some 'unintentional errors, which we immediately corrected.' As a result, Sebelius and her husband have filed amended returns and paid \$7,040 in back taxes and \$878 in interest." Astonishingly, Sebelius' tax disclosure marks the sixth Obama nominee in the first 100 days to admit to not paying their taxes accurately.

More recently, Sebelius was forced to amend answers she submitted to the committee regarding political contributions she received from Dr. George Tiller, a late-term abortion

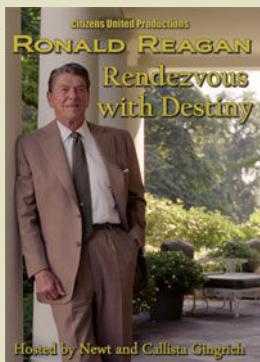
proponent who is under investigation by the Kansas medical board. Published accounts indicate that Sebelius "got nearly three times as much political money from a controversial abortion doctor as she told senators...Sebelius wrote that she received \$12,450 between 1994-2001 from Dr. George Tiller, one of the nation's few late-term abortion providers. But in addition to those campaign donations, records reviewed by *The Associated Press* show that Tiller gave at least \$23,000 more from 2000-2002 to a political action committee Sebelius established while insurance commissioner to raise money for fellow Democrats."



The saga continued on April 23 when Sebelius vetoed Kansas Senate Bill 218 "The 2009 Late-Term and Partial-Birth Abortion Regulation Act." Sebelius vetoed the bill despite polling indicating that seventy-five percent of the American people think the procedure of late-term abortion should be illegal. We'll be closely monitoring Sebelius' actions at HHS.

Citizens United Productions Presents

Citizens United Productions is proud to announce that the GI Film Festival will host the World Premiere for our latest documentary, *Perfect Valor*, in Washington, D.C. on May 16, 2009! Learn more at www.perfectvalor.com. Narrated by actor, radio host and former Senator Fred Thompson, *Perfect Valor* tells the unforgettable stories of the soldiers and marines who fought in the 2004 battle for the city of Fallujah.



Ronald Reagan: Rendezvous With Destiny is continuing to premiere around the country to packed audiences with upcoming screenings in New York, NY on May 19, 2009 and San Francisco, CA on June 26, 2009. Order your copy of this inspiring look at our 40th President at www.reagandocumentary.com.

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A FINAL THOUGHT FROM
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April 29, 2009 marked the 100th day of the Obama Administration. While the media is making plenty of noise about Barack Obama's poll numbers at this milestone, I think it's more constructive to take a look at what the new president has actually done in his first three months compared to what he said he would do during the campaign. After all, Jimmy Carter's approval ratings were sky-high at the 100 day mark and we all know how that turned out.

Research indicates that the 2008 Barack Obama is very different from the Barack Obama we're seeing in 2009:

The 2008 Barack Obama campaigned on bringing meaningful change to Washington. The 2009 Barack Obama signed a bill with 8,000 earmarks after campaigning on earmark reform, and is allowing lobbyists to work in his administration after promising he wouldn't.

The 2008 Barack Obama campaigned on the promise he would stress ethics if elected. The 2009 Barack Obama has appointed six people to the highest levels of government who didn't pay their taxes accurately and on time - including Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner - the person who oversees the Internal Revenue service.

The 2008 Barack Obama campaigned on his ability to run a competent government. The 2009 Barack Obama caused a panic by allowing a low-altitude Air Force One photo-op over the Manhattan skyline.

The 2008 Barack Obama campaigned that he would be a forward-looking president. The 2009 Barack Obama is releasing top secret documents and photographs to embarrass the

previous administration for political purposes.

The 2008 Barack Obama campaigned on deficit reduction. The 2009 Barack Obama introduced a \$3.4 trillion dollar budget with no real plan to cut wasteful programs.



The 2008 Barack Obama campaigned on doing something about the exploding national debt. The 2009 Barack Obama has pushed programs that will double the national debt over the next decade.

The 2008 Barack Obama campaigned on ushering in an era of "post-partisanship" in Washington. The 2009 Barack Obama rushed a hyper-partisan stimulus bill through Congress that received no Republican votes in the U.S. House.

The 2008 Barack Obama campaigned on being a moderate. The 2009 Barack Obama is increasing the size and scope of government at a rate never before seen in American history.

The 2008 Barack Obama campaigned on hope. The 2009 Barack Obama is using fear about our economic situation to enact the far left's agenda. "Change we can believe in" has become "Never waste a good crisis."

The 2008 Barack Obama campaigned on "smart diplomacy." The 2009 Barack Obama shook hands with Venezuela's Hugo Chavez and bowed before King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia.

The 69 million people who voted for Barack Obama should be extremely disappointed with this track record of broken promises and partisanship. The 59 million people who didn't vote for Barack Obama should look at these facts as an opportunity to bring real change to Washington in 2010 and 2012.