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AN IN-DEPTH EXAMINATION OF  
BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH  
FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY NOMINATION  
AS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE  
IN THE 2008 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Based on  
Barack Hussein Obama's Remarks as Prepared for Delivery in  
Denver, Colorado on August 29, 2008

*(Barack Hussein Obama's statements are in italic print.)*

**(My comments are in bold print.)**

## INTRODUCTORY PERSPECTIVE

(I preface my in-depth examination of Barack Hussein Obama's Denver Speech with the following remarks: There are many persons who will surely comment on my in-depth examination. That is their freedom. I respect their right to do so. However, I would hope that the comments contain a proper regard for decorum. I deplore the foul language that many readers use in commenting on discussions and presentations in the Internet. This is not my level. In reality, foul-mouthed people and their foul-mouth comments show their naked character and they do not cut good figures. Perhaps the only recourse is to forgive them for their idiocy.)

I waited twenty-four hours before writing this in-depth examination of Barack Hussein Obama's acceptance speech for the Democratic Party nomination as candidate in the Presidential Elections in 2008. I wanted to read what the political pundits, the political experts, the political commentators, and the newspaper and television reporters had to say about the speech. The general line is that the speech will go down in history as the best speech since President John F. Kennedy's inauguration speech. Some commentators claim that Barack Hussein Obama's speech is historical. They say that it is superb. They appear to be criticizing it through a fog while wearing dark glasses. I read the speech and understood it word for word and sentence for sentence. I did not interpret it. However, I raised questions concerning matters that are not clearly stated or matters that are insinuated. The Barack Hussein Obama speech is non-historical. It is not superb. With surety it is not the best speech since President Kennedy's inauguration speech. It is not my opinion that proves this to be the case. Barack Hussein Obama's own words prove that he really does speak charlatantry.

Barack Hussein Obama says that Barack Hussein Obama puts America first. Barack Hussein Obama never says that Barack Hussein Obama wants to serve America. The word *serve* occurs two times. With the first occurrence Barack Hussein Obama wants to *serve* as Commander-in-Chief. The second use of *serve* concerns people serving in America's armed forces. We can forget the second use of *serve* and concentrate on the first instance. This concentration converges on the simple question: Does Barack Hussein Obama want to serve America as President, or does Barack Hussein Obama want to serve America as Commander-in-Chief? It is Barack Hussein Obama who makes the distinction. Mr. Barack Hussein Obama: The Presidency has many duties and responsibilities. They are not limited to Commander-in Chief.

In the speech Barack Hussein Obama refers to Barack Hussein Obama 82 times in the first person singular nominative case, 12 times in the first person singular accusative case, and 19 times in the first person singular possessive case. That is a total of 113 instances in the speech where Barack Hussein Obama places Barack Hussein Obama first. There are 226 sentences in the speech. Barack Hussein Obama places Barack Hussein Obama first in 50% of the speech. In what way is America placed first when half of the speech is self-oriented in a megalomaniacal manner? The word *America* occurs in concrete America orientations 18 times in the speech. That is only approximately 8% percent. The emphasis is truly on Barack Hussein Obama, not on America.

There are five instances where Barack Hussein Obama uses *I will* instead of *I'll*. The sly disguise is that it is an allusion to God's will be done! (Mathew 6: 9-13)

In 226 sentences there are:

- 125 instances of content discrepancies concerning wrong facts, wrong statements, unclear statements, hypocritical statements, and statements that Barack Hussein Obama says are correct because Barack Hussein Obama says so.
- 12 grammar deficiencies.
- 23 usage deficiencies.

Surely these speech facts cannot constitute great oratory. They do not even constitute mediocre oratory. What these facts show is that Barack Hussein Obama's speech is 71 percent deficient. So much for great oratory!

There is a statement that is attributed to James Barnes (1866-1936) that says: "You can always tell a Harvard man, but you can't tell him much." With respect to Barack Hussein Obama, I raise the questions:

- What was Barack Hussein Obama told at Harvard?
- Was Barack Hussein Obama told how to stretch the truth so that it develops into a revisionist history and comes out false?
- Was Barack Hussein Obama told how to be a hypocrite?
- Was Barack Hussein Obama told (how) to deny a heritage?

One thing that Barack Hussein Obama surely was not told and did not learn is rhetoric. The speech is riddled with content mistakes and illogical conclusions. It is spotted with wrong grammar, wrong punctuation, and wrong usage. Had I delivered such a speech to my professor in my undergraduate courses in public speaking, I would have flunked the courses. If I would ever make lectures in the Barack Hussein Obama speech syndrome to my university students and my graduate students, they would laugh me out of the classroom.

Does the American voter really want a hypocritical-heritage-denier-historical-revisionist charisma as President?

Finally, Barack Hussein Obama ends the speech with:

*At this moment, in this election, we must pledge once more to march into the future. Let us keep that promise, that American promise, and in the words of Scripture hold firmly, without wavering, to the hope that we confess.*

*Thank you, God Bless you, and God Bless the United States of America.*

*This country of ours has more wealth than any nation, but that's not what makes us rich. We have the most powerful military on Earth, but that's not what makes us strong.*

*Our universities and our culture are the envy of the world, but that's not what keeps the world coming to our shores. Instead, it is that American spirit, that American promise, that pushes us forward even when the path is uncertain; that binds us together in spite of our differences; that makes us fix our eye not on what is seen, but what is unseen, that better place around the bend. That promise is our greatest inheritance. It's a promise I make to my daughters when I tuck them in at night, and a promise that you make to yours, a promise that has led immigrants to cross oceans and pioneers to travel west; a promise that led workers to picket lines, and women to reach for the ballot.*

*The men and women who gathered there could've heard many things. They could've heard words of anger and discord. They could've been told to succumb to the fear and frustration of so many dreams deferred. But what the people heard instead, people of every creed and color, from every walk of life, is that in America, our destiny is inextricably linked.*

*That together, our dreams can be one. "We cannot walk alone," the preacher cried. "And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back." America, we cannot turn back. Not with so much work to be done. Not with so many children to educate, and so many veterans to care for. Not with an economy to fix and cities to rebuild and farms to save. Not with so many families to protect and so many lives to mend. America, we cannot turn back. We cannot walk alone.*

*At this moment, in this election, we must pledge once more to march into the future. Let us keep that promise, that American promise, and in the words of Scripture hold firmly, without wavering, to the hope that we confess.*

*Thank you, God Bless you, and God Bless the United States of America.*

### **WONDERFUL!!! A REPUBLICAN SPEAKS!!!**

#### **THE SPEECH**

*To Chairman Dean and my great friend Dick Durbin; and to all my fellow citizens of this great nation; with profound gratitude and great humility, I accept your nomination for the presidency of the United States.*

Ø **CONTENT:** What is a *great friend*? The English language has approximately 157 synonyms for the word *great* including adjectives and nouns. They range from *prodigious, extreme, commanding, titan, illustrious*, through *high-minded, noble, lofty, princely, sublime, flagrant, patriarch*, to *teacher, guru, prophet, and founder*. None of them connotes the meaning of *good* or *very good*. Does Barack Hussein Obama mean *good* or *very good*? If so, Barack Hussein Obama does not say so.

Ø **CONTENT:** *great humility*. The Democratic Party Convention Show does not present any humility. The conduct of Barack Hussein Obama does not carry humility. The speech does not proclaim any humility.

Ø **GRAMMAR:** *presidency of the United States*. This office is the highest civilian office. It should be capitalized. And it should be complete: /

***accept your nomination to the Office of the Presidency of the United States of America.*** is much better. As it is stated by Barack Hussein Obama, there is the indication that Barack Hussein Obama does not know the official nomenclature for the country of which he wants to be President.

Ø **USAGE:** Senator Durbin has a first name but Mr. Dean does not? In rhetoric, when you say A, then you also say B. Therefore, Barack Hussein Obama should have said Mr. Dean's first name.

*Let me express my thanks to the historic slate of candidates who accompanied me on this journey, and especially the one who traveled the farthest, a champion for working Americans and an inspiration to my daughters and to yours, Hillary Rodham Clinton.*

Ø **USAGE:** *historic slate of candidates.* The usage of historic is magnanimously restricted to something or someone that is important in history or contributes to history. If the slate of Democratic Party candidates is historic, then why do the majority of American citizens no longer remember them by their names? The only person that might have a contribution to history is Hillary Rodham Clinton, and that contribution is surely questionable. Yet, is it not too soon to consider her role in the Democratic Party as being historic, or even being considered in that realm?

Ø **USAGE:** Barack Hussein Obama refers to Mrs. Clinton by stating her middle name. Yet, Barack Hussein Obama appears ashamed to use Barack Hussein Obama's middle name. Does Barack Hussein Obama have an identity complex?

*To President Clinton, who last night made the case for change as only he can make it; to Ted Kennedy, who embodies the spirit of service; and to the next Vice President of the United States, Joe Biden, I thank you.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Misleading. The real reason behind President Clinton's case for change is aimed at the next presidential election should Barack Hussein Obama not be elected this time, or be re-elected.

**Ø CONTENT:** *Ted Kennedy who embodies the spirit of service.* As Senator from Massachusetts, Ted Kennedy did as much to be anti-American, to stop positive, Republican legislation in Congress as he did to promote Democratic legislation.

**Ø CONTENT:** Ted Kennedy's spirit of service has a ghost in its closet!

**Ø CONTENT:** *the next Vice President of the United States, Joe Biden.* Too premature conclusion. It is not logical in a rhetorically good speech to make conclusions that are not fact, or have not yet become fact.

*I am grateful to finish this journey with one of the finest statesmen of our time, a man at ease with everyone from world leaders to the conductors on the Amtrak train he still takes home every night.*

**Ø CONTENT:** Who is one of the finest statesmen of our time? Barack Hussein Obama most likely means Joe Biden. But Joe Biden does not meet the definition of a statesman. Here is the English language definition: “statesman: 1) one who is a leader in national or international affairs. 2) a political leader regarded as a disinterested promoter of the public good.” If Joe Biden meets the parameters of description 1, then so do all of the other Congresspersons, including Senator John McCain. If Joe Biden meets the requirements of description 2, then he is a technocrat who has no interests in the domestic public good of Americans.

**Ø CONTENT:** Senator Joe Biden does not travel to his home in Maryland with AMTRAK every night. To say so is a falsification of fact.

**Ø GRAMMAR:** The sentence is grammatically incorrect. It should read: ... to the conductors on the AMTRAK train who accompany him to his home station whenever he travels by AMTRAK.

*To the love of my life, our next First Lady, Michelle Obama, and to Sasha and Malia, I love you so much, and I'm so proud of all of you.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Stating a fact that is not a fact. Michelle Obama is not the next First Lady of the United States of America yet.

Ø **GRAMMAR:** *all of you* is an idiomatic redundant phrase. *You is all.* Better would be simply: I am so proud of you!

*Four years ago, I stood before you and told you my story, of the brief union between a young man from Kenya and a young woman from Kansas who weren't well-off or well-known, but shared a belief that in America, their son could achieve whatever he put his mind to.*

Ø **CONTENT:** A seemingly contradictory discrepancy in the statement. They were enough well-off and regarded enough to be able to attend university in Hawaii. Young, American students today cannot take part in such an exotic, academic atmosphere.

Ø **GRAMMAR:** Never use a preposition to end a sentence with! Better: ... their son could achieve whatever goal he sought.

*It is that promise that has always set this country apart, that through hard work and sacrifice, each of us can pursue our individual dreams but still come together as one American family, to ensure that the next generation can pursue their dreams as well.*



Ø **CONTENT:** The sentence states something that does not exist. The principles of the democratic republic of the United States of America carry in them the guarantee of opportunity that individual dreams can come true and that individual goals can be achieved. The United States of America does not make this promise. It provides and guarantees the opportunity of fulfillment. All one has to do is to read the *Declaration of Independence*, e.g., “WE hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. ... .” The *Constitution for the United States of America* and its subordinate laws are based upon the principles of the *Declaration of Independence*. There are no promises. There are rights, responsibilities, and duties!

Ø **CONTENT:** America is not one family. If it is, then my one American family has criminals in it. My one American family has rednecks in it. My one American family has megalomaniacs in it, etc., etc. My family does not have such individuals. It is good that there are separate families in the United States of America. The situation should stay that way. Otherwise, my one American family is one great commune and a communist society.

*That's why I stand here tonight.*

Ø **CONTENT:** This is stretching the tirade of facts too far. The reason why Barack Hussein Obama *stands here tonight* is because of the nomination of the Democratic Party candidate for the Office of President of the United States of America. To claim any other reason is nothing more than the untruth of the situation.

*Because for two hundred and thirty two years, at each moment when that promise was in jeopardy, ordinary men and women, students and soldiers, farmers and teachers, nurses and janitors, found the courage to keep it alive.*

Ø **CONTENT:** The promise was not in jeopardy. The promise, whatever the promise it is to which Barack Hussein Obama refers was not in danger. The unalienable rights were in danger.

*We meet at one of those defining moments, a moment when our nation is at war, our economy is in turmoil, and the American promise has been threatened once more.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Misrepresentation of the actuality. The nation is at war not because promises are threatened. (How can one threaten a promise?) Unalienable rights are threatened. Being a Harvard-educated lawyer, Barack Hussein Obama should know this!

Ø **CONTENT:** Economy is in turmoil. I take issue with the word *turmoil*. *Turmoil* means *utter confusion*. No person in their right mind can say that the American economy is in utter confusion. If the economy were in utter confusion, there would certainly be a complete stock market crash. Moreover, America's economy is still one of the strongest in the world. It is healthier than the economies of at least 170 other countries. How long that will last should Barack Hussein Obama become president, we shall see.

*Tonight, more Americans are out of work and more are working harder for less.*

Ø **CONTENT:** *Tonight, more Americans are out of work and more are working harder for less.* Tonight in relationship to this morning? For the sentence to really have meaning there must be some reference point. There is none. What is the relative statistic year? Working harder for less what? Less pay? Less buying power? Fewer hours?

*More of you have lost your homes and even more are watching your home values plummet.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Ambiguity! Does Barack Hussein Obama mean those in the audience? This may be true. This may not be true. Let us allow that it is true. What is also true is that one cannot live on credit cards with abominably high interest rates.

*More of you have cars you can't afford to drive, credit card bills you can't afford to pay, and tuition that's beyond your reach.*

Ø **CONTENT LOGIC:** If one lives beyond one's means, then it is only the fault of the person in question. This is a hard truth to accept, but is the basic economic truth in a market economy.

*These challenges are not all of government's making.*

Ø **CONTENT:** The content is questionable. Are having a car that costs too much, credit card bills that one cannot pay, and tuition beyond reach, really challenges? I prefer to think of them as nothing more than living-beyond-the-means-of-a-self-generated-false-rising-expectation-economic situation. Surely, the government does not make any of these things happen. We have the freedom of choice to purchase what we want, to use a credit card or not to use it, and to select an institution of higher learning with high tuition or not, but we must be able to pay for them.

Ø **USAGE:** *not entirely of* is better than *not all of*

*But the failure to respond is a direct result of a broken politics in Washington and the failed policies of George W. Bush.*

Ø **CONTENT:** What does George W. Bush or any President of the United States have to do with one's private decisions concerning the matters mentioned above? There is no logic in the statement.

*America, we are better than these last eight years. We are a better country than this.*

Ø **CONTENT:** This is a situation that always happens in an economy and in politics regardless of political party responsibility when a referral is made to the past, not just the past eight years only. The suggestion is that Democrats are always better and Republicans are always at fault. This is contradictory to Barack Hussein Obama's speech stance that past partisanship should be forgotten. If they should be forgotten then why does Barack Hussein Obama make reference to them?

*This country is more decent than one where a woman in Ohio, on the brink of retirement, finds herself one illness away from disaster after a lifetime of hard work.*

**Ø CONTENT:** This is surely a terrible situation. Yet, to claim that the Republicans are the reason for its existence is scapegoating from the real facts of market economies. Moreover, is the rectifying of the situation the responsibility of the national government, or is it a matter of the policies of the state of Ohio, or of the ineptitude of the private citizen?

*This country is more generous than one where a man in Indiana has to pack up the equipment he's worked on for twenty years and watch it shipped off to China, and then chokes up as he explains how he felt like a failure when he went home to tell his family the news.*

**Ø CONTENT:** This situation is just as terrible as the one above. Yet the comment is still the same. Moreover, the rules of a market economy never take into consideration that industries might be sold at future dates. Staunch socialist / communist economies nationalize their industries. Is this perhaps a look into the near future?

*We are more compassionate than a government that lets veterans sleep on our streets and families slide into poverty; that sits on its hands while a major American city drowns before our eyes.*

**Ø CONTENT:** The statement is too much of a generalization. I am a ten-year veteran. I do not sleep on the street. There are always other reasons than the "the government is at fault" as to why anybody "sleeps on the street". Americans who are successful feel for these people. Yet, there must be some self-initiative on their part to escape the situations, whether they are veterans or not.

**Ø CONTENT:** Is the major city New Orleans? That problem is not only present-oriented, but past-oriented, as well. Were there no proper building regulations, storm-resistant constructions, etc.? What about the billions of dollars that have already been appropriated for the re-building of New

**Orleans? How much of the money was criminalized by those who belong to that one American family?**

**Ø CONTENT: Is George W. Bush, Jr. responsible for tropical storms?**

*Tonight, I say to the American people, to Democrats and Republicans and Independents across this great land, enough! This moment, this election, is our chance to keep, in the 21st century, the American promise alive.*

**Ø CONTENT: I still do not know what this promise is. Is Barack Hussein Obama referring to the unalienable rights? The use of *promise* is ambiguous.**

**Ø GRAMMAR: Punctuation is wrong. The sentence should read:  
“Tonight, I say to the American people, to Democrats, and Republicans, and Independents across this great land, “Enough! This moment, this election, is our chance to keep, in the 21st century, the American promise alive.”**

**Ø USAGE: Enough what? What is enough? The so-called policies of George W. Bush? Well, the situation was better in his first term. But ... the Democrats controlled Congress in the second term! Who are enough?**

*Because next week, in Minnesota, the same party that brought you two terms of George Bush and Dick Cheney will ask this country for a third. And we are here because we love this country too much to let the next four years look like the last eight. On November 4th, we must stand up and say: "Eight is enough."*

**Ø CONTENT: the statement is not logical. Nine years ago the Democratic Party asked for the same thing. Now Barack Hussein Obama says that it is unacceptable. This is nothing more than Barack Hussein Obama being a hypocrite. The Republican Party has**

every right to ask for a third leadership. The American voter can say YES or NO. Barack Hussein Obama cannot take this right away.

Ø **USAGE:** Eight is enough. Better is *Eight years are enough!*

Ø **COMMENT:** When I consider the non-professionalism of Barack Hussein Obama and his questionable historical revisionist attitudes, and character traits, then “four score and seven years” are not enough!

*Now let there be no doubt.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Doubt about what?

*The Republican nominee, John McCain, has worn the uniform of our country with bravery and distinction, and for that we owe him our gratitude and respect. And next week, we'll also hear about those occasions when he's broken with his party as evidence that he can deliver the change that we need.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Perhaps it is exactly this non-conformity with strict party policy that makes John McCain qualified for the leadership of the United States of America. Barack Hussein Obama has broken with his Democratic Party policies concerning some political opinions. Who is Barack Hussein Obama to say that it is okay for Barack Hussein Obama to do so, but not okay for John McCain to do so?

*But the record's clear: John McCain has voted with George Bush ninety percent of the time. Senator McCain likes to talk about judgment, but really, what does it say about your judgment when you think George Bush has been right more than ninety percent of the time?*

Ø **CONTENT:** Thinking that George W. Bush has been right ninety percent of the time is not an indication that George W. Bush was really wrong. If any American political party requires its members who hold public office to always vote the party line, then I question the democratic-republican principles of that party. Barack Hussein Obama should raise the same question in Barack Hussein Obama's party's mind, too!

*I don't know about you, but I'm not ready to take a ten percent chance on change.*

Ø **CONTENT:** The statement is really revealing. Barack Hussein Obama is not ready to take a ten percent chance on change. He took less than a ten percent chance when he began his primary candidacy. Is Barack Hussein Obama now a person of less character strength? Such a situation does not show much consistency!

*The truth is, on issue after issue that would make a difference in your lives, on health care and education and the economy, Senator McCain has been anything but independent. He said that our economy has made "great progress" under this President. He said that the fundamentals of the economy are strong. And when one of his chief advisors, the man who wrote his economic plan, was talking about the anxiety Americans are feeling, he said that we were just suffering from a "mental recession," and that we've become, and I quote, "a nation of whiners." A nation of whiners?*

Ø **CONTENT:** Great progress is always relative, regardless of the President. The Clinton Administrations made great progress in many areas of politics with Republican assistance. But in one great area there was no great progress. That area was the threat of Islamic Terrorism. By keeping his eyes shut and his ears closed to the warnings, President Clinton caused the situation that the present administration now faces. This is not whining. It is fact!

Ø **CONTENT:** *A nation of whiners.* It seems to me that Barack Hussein Obama is whining in the speech. Those who whine that the government must do something are whiners of the meanest sort. There should be more

whining that the government should do less. *That government is best which governs least.* That is a guiding political statement in American political history. Is this the reason why Democrats whine?

Ø **GRAMMAR:** Should read: ... *on health care, and education, and the economy,...*

*Tell that to the proud auto workers at a Michigan plant who, after they found out it was closing, kept showing up every day and working as hard as ever, because they knew there were people who counted on the brakes that they made.*

Ø **CONTENT:** This may be what happened, but the reason for them showing up every day was because they would not receive severance pay if they had not shown up, and working up to the last day was part of the contract and the trade union agreements with the manufacturing plant. It is absurd to maintain that the workers were concerned about people counting on the brakes that they made. That manufacturing plant was not the only plant making brakes!

*Tell that to the military families who shoulder their burdens silently as they watch their loved ones leave for their third or fourth or fifth tour of duty. These are not whiners. They work hard and give back and keep going without complaint.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Barack Hussein Obama is putting everyone into the Barack Hussein Obama one American family. Military personnel know what military duty means. They surely do not whine about it. If they do whine about their situation, then there is a flaw in their acceptance of military duty.

*These are the Americans that I know.*

Ø **CONTENT:** There is no doubt that Barack Hussein Obama knows whining Americans!



*Now, I don't believe that Senator McCain doesn't care what's going on in the lives of Americans. I just think he doesn't know.*

Ø **CONTENT:** The situation is just the opposite. If anyone knows, it is Senator John McCain. Barack Hussein Obama has not been in a national position long enough to know what is happening. Barack Hussein Obama surely has not been in a military position to know how the military personnel feel. It is true that Senator John McCain does not possess messianic knowledge.

Ø **CONTENT:** Barack Hussein has spent over half of Barack Hussein Obama's current senatorial term in campaigning. That is truly great service to America! Barack Hussein Obama has an unquenchable thirst to be the President of the United States of America. Barack Hussein Obama should heed the advice of Thomas Jefferson: "When a man casts a longing eye on a political office, a rottenness begins in his conduct." ( *Letter to Tench Coxe*, May 21, 1799.)

*Why else would he define middle-class as someone making under five million dollars a year? How else could he propose hundreds of billions in tax breaks for big corporations and oil companies but not one penny of tax relief to more than one hundred million Americans? How else could he offer a health care plan that would actually tax people's benefits, or an education plan that would do nothing to help families pay for college, or a plan that would privatize Social Security and gamble your retirement?*

Ø **CONTENT:** The statement should not be taken out of context. It is not good rhetorical behavior to take statements out of context. The American middle class that I know does earn less than five million dollars a year. Indeed, some also earn less than a million dollars a year. Even some of them do not earn 100,000 dollars a year. At the same time they may be (and in many cases are) worth millions of dollars.

Ø **USAGE:** *less than* is better than *under*

Ø **CONTENT:** It appears that Barack Hussein Obama cannot see the economical forest because the singular economical trees are in the way. There is no single answer to any economical problem. One must comprehend the whole picture. There are aspects in McCain's economic solutions that are much better than government-controlled socialistic economics. Barack Hussein Obama is making statements and that do not jive in reality.

*It's not because John McCain doesn't care. It's because John McCain doesn't get it.*

Ø **USAGE.** *Get it?* Get what? *Get it* is a colloquialism. Indeed, it is slang! A candidate for the Presidency of the United States of America is talking slang. Why cannot Barack Hussein Obama use the word *understand*?

*For over two decades, he's subscribed to that old, discredited Republican philosophy, give more and more to those with the most and hope that prosperity trickles down to everyone else. In Washington, they call this the Ownership Society, but what it really means is, you're on your own. Out of work? Tough luck. No health care? The market will fix it. Born into poverty? Pull yourself up by your own bootstraps, even if you don't have boots. You're on your own. Well it's time for them to own their failure.*

Ø **CONTENT:** The statement is a complete misrepresentation of Republican political philosophy. It appears that Barack Hussein Obama has something against an ownership philosophy; something against being independent; something against taking life in one's own hands; something against a free market economy; something against personal contributions to one's health care; something against being born into poverty and being able to pull one's self out of the situation with one's own personal initiative, even if there are no shoes or boots to wear. Many Americans have something against the negative aspects of society. This includes Senator John McCain. However, Barack Hussein Obama's answers are not the solution. The bottom line is that the national government should only provide the framework for the opportunities of bettering one's position in society, no more, and surely no less. A government that interferes in a market-oriented, capitalistic economy (Not pure capitalist!) is a government that will stick its nose into every shirt and pant pocket of every American

**citizen and tell them what each and every one has to do, when to do it, where to do it, and how to do it!**

It's time for us to change America. You see, we Democrats have a very different measure of what constitutes progress in this country. We measure progress by how many people can find a job that pays the mortgage; whether you can put a little extra money away at the end of each month so you can someday watch your child receive her college diploma.

**Ø CONTENT: This is polemics with usurpation at the highest form. These are the same ideals that Republicans and Independents want and Barack Hussein Obama knows it! Barack Hussein Obama cannot monopolize these ideals.**

**Ø USAGE: her college diploma. Do only females attend college?**

*We measure progress in the 23 million new jobs that were created when Bill Clinton was President, when the average American family saw its income go up \$7,500 instead of down \$2,000 like it has under George Bush.*

**Ø CONTENT: This statistic may be true. We do not know Barack Hussein Obama's source. However, what economists do know is that economic trends and market stimulations come in circular paths with ups and downs in the market economy. The rule is that if a presidential administration passes laws affecting the national economy, in the long range, it will take up to four to eight years for this legislation to become fully effective. Based upon this reality, the economic legislation passed by the George Bush Sr. presidential administration took effect under President Clinton, and those economic legislative bills passed by the Clinton administration came into effect during the George Bush Jr. presidential administration. Barack Hussein Obama is taking the citizenry as a fool when Barack Hussein Obama claims that only the Democrats are the real economic knows-it-all personalities, and that the Republicans do not know anything that has to do with national or international economics. President Clinton happened to be President when new, developing computer-based technologies created job opportunities. The economic impulse was its own**

motor in the New Economy. The Clinton Administration did not have much to do with its success. The economic upswing started to get out of control in approximately the last 18 months of the Clinton Administration. The full effect of the blown-up-economic-bubble burst of the New Economy came under the Presidency of George W. Bush Jr. Had George W. Bush Sr. been elected to a second term of office, he would have received credit for the estimated 23 million jobs.

*We measure the strength of our economy not by the number of billionaires we have or the profits of the Fortune 500, but by whether someone with a good idea can take a risk and start a new business, or whether the waitress who lives on tips can take a day off to look after a sick kid without losing her job, an economy that honors the dignity of work. The fundamentals we use to measure economic strength are whether we are living up to that fundamental promise that has made this country great, a promise that is the only reason I am standing here tonight.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Barack Hussein Obama speaks about promises again. There is no promise ever made in American history concerning what Barack Hussein Obama means to be a promise. Indeed, I do not know what Barack Hussein Obama means by promise? Does Barack Hussein Obama mean the American Dream? If so, then Barack Hussein Obama should also have the knowledge to realize that the American Dream is not a promise. It is an opportunity only.

Ø **CONTENT:** If Democrat millionaires do not measure the strength of the economy in a monetary form, then they have no reason to hold on to their millions.

Ø **CONTENT:** Someone must tell Barack Hussein Obama what the *American Dream* is and whence it comes. I now take it upon myself to educate him:

**The American Dream:** In 1941 James Truslow Adams wrote a book titled *The Epic of America*. At various places he refers to the phrase *The American Dream*. Indeed, he is credited with coining the phrase. Towards the end of the book James Truslow Adams gives

his generic definition of the phrase. "If, as I have said, the things already listed were all we had to contribute, America would have made no distinctive and unique gift to mankind. But there has been also the *American dream*, that dream of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for every man, with opportunity for each according to his ability or achievement."(p. 421)

The nomenclature *American Dream*, although termed three hundred and twenty-one years after the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers can vividly describe the psyche of the first immigrants and it can be applied to them and the subsequent American lifetimes as meaning that in America there is a hope for happiness and prosperity as symbolized by having a house as one's own, and property from which one could earn a living, if that is what one desires. There is no better form of government that can guarantee the pursuit of the *American Dream* than a constitutional republic.

*Because in the faces of those young veterans who come back from Iraq and Afghanistan, I see my grandfather, who signed up after Pearl Harbor, marched in Patton's Army, and was rewarded by a grateful nation with the chance to go to college on the GI Bill.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Barack Hussein Obama is making a connection that is not logical. Barack Hussein Obama does not see his grandfather in the faces of the present Afghanistan and Iraq veterans. They may remind him of his grandfather. At the same time Barack Hussein Obama should state the reality that the grandfather that Barack Hussein Obama is referring to is the father of his mother, not the father of his father, who was Kenyan. The truth is the truth, but it has to be stated as such. Later Barack Hussein Obama will refer to his American grandmother without saying such. This is not a true confrontation with the reality of Barack Hussein Obama's heritage situation. Barack Hussein Obama insinuates grandparents on the American side only. To me this means that Barack Hussein Obama is denying his African heritage. Why? That heritage is nothing which brings shame. Barack Hussein Obama should name his American grandparents for what they are: Americans. He should name his African grandparents for what they are: Kenyans. They have every right to be proud of Barack Hussein Obama and Barack Hussein Obama has every right to be proud of them.

Ø **CONTENT:** *marched in Patton's army.* This statement is not representative of General Patton's Army. It was an Army of tanks and armored vehicles. Of course, there were accompanying Infantry, but I do not think that they belonged to General Patton's Army. If anyone can clarify the situation, please do so.

*In the face of that young student who sleeps just three hours before working the night shift, I think about my mom, who raised my sister and me on her own while she worked and earned her degree; who once turned to food stamps but was still able to send us to the best schools in the country with the help of student loans and scholarships.*

Ø **COMMENT:** What I am to say now on my part is very personal. No person has ever heard it before this date. I worked 25-30 hours a week per semester for four years to pay my tuition. I worked throughout the summer semester breaks and on Christmas and Easter holiday breaks. Whether that work was on a local farm or in a local factory, I took the opportunity. The government made me no promises and I wanted none. The government made it possible for me to have summer jobs and university semester jobs without having to pay taxes. By the way, the governments were both Democratic and Republican. I had government loans scholarships, as well. It took me ten years to pay back the government loans. My parents worked as much as they could to assist me, even though we lived under the official poverty level. They were so proud, however, that they refused hand-outs from the government. They did not accept food-stamps. There were none at the time. They instilled in me the energy and morals not to depend on the government for my betterment. They maintained that if I wanted a university education, I could do it on my own within the framework of American constitutional republic principles of the guaranteed opportunity. I took them. I thank the government for the framework opportunity. But my education is mine. It is not a result of government hand-outs.

*When I listen to another worker tell me that his factory has shut down, I remember all those men and women on the South Side of Chicago who I stood by and fought for two decades ago after the local steel plant closed. And when I hear a woman talk about the difficulties of starting her own business, I think about my grandmother, who worked her way up from the secretarial pool to middle-management, despite years of being passed over for promotions because she was a woman.*

Ø **CONTENT:** It is good that Barack Hussein Obama tried to assist the workers at the steel plant then closing. At the same time, it cannot be considered as service to the country as a whole. It was a service to a local community, which is commendable. All of these matters are the concerns of the Republican Party as well. No political party is going to be able to stop the closing of a manufacturing plant as the result of free market dictates, or of mismanagement, or of factors resulting from economic globalization. It is ridiculous for Barack Hussein Obama to claim that these are Democratic Party concerns only. As Barack Hussein Obama stated the situations being allied to Democratic Party concerns, he is polemicizing with falsifications.

*She's the one who taught me about hard work.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Barack Hussein Obama means the American grandmother. Barack Hussein Obama does not mean the Kenyan grandmother. I am sure that Barack Hussein Obama's grandmother on the mother's side of the family did the best she could in helping to raise Barack Hussein Obama. I do not intend to insult her, but perhaps someone should have taught Barack Hussein Obama how to handle facts as well.

*She's the one who put off buying a new car or a new dress for herself so that I could have a better life. She poured everything she had into me. And although she can no longer travel, I know that she's watching tonight, and that tonight is her night as well.*

Ø **COMMENT:** Barack Hussein Obama's American grandmother's reaction is like any grandmother's reaction: to want the best for the grandchild. Personally, I wish her the best. My grandmother (I had only one who was alive) did the same for me! By the way, at least Barack Hussein Obama's grandmother had a car. My grandmother had three dresses during the last twenty years of her wheel-chair life. We had no car at all.

*I don't know what kind of lives John McCain thinks that celebrities lead, but this has been mine. These are my heroes. Theirs are the stories that shaped me. And it is on their behalf that I intend to win this election and keep our promise alive as President of the United States.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Barack Hussein Obama is making a statement about something Barack Hussein Obama does not know. Barack Hussein Obama is insinuating that John McCain wants associations with celebrities only. This is truly a supposition that has no foundation. It is not good rhetoric policy. I do not know who John McCain has as heroes. Knowing John McCain's character traits, I suspect that they are the same kind of heroes as the average American citizen has.

Ø **CONTENT:** *our promise.* The statement is too ambiguous. Whose promise? The United States of America? The Democratic Party, The people in the stadium?

*What is that promise?*

Ø **COMMENT:** Oh! We are now coming to the promises. It is about time.

*It's a promise that says each of us has the freedom to make of our own lives what we will, but that we also have the obligation to treat each other with dignity and respect. It's a promise that says the market should reward drive and innovation and generate growth, but that businesses should live up to their responsibilities to create American jobs, look out for American workers, and play by the rules of the road. Ours is a promise that says government cannot solve all our problems, but what it should do is that which we cannot do for ourselves, protect us from harm and provide every child a decent education; keep our water clean and our toys safe; invest in new schools and new roads and new science and technology.*

Ø **CONTENT:** I am disappointed. All of the items that Barack Hussein Obama states are promises are not promises. There is no place in the *Constitution for the United States of America* that lists these as promises. There are no American laws that list these matters as promises. The government does not make promises and it should not make promises. Government exists to provide a framework that will guarantee the rights stated in the *Declaration of Independence* and those stated in the *Constitution*. I do not want my government to make promises to me.

Ø **CONTENT:** What are the rules of the road? They are traffic signs that represent laws. Barack Hussein Obama really means observe the laws with all the rights, responsibilities, and duties contained therein.



*Our government should work for us, not against us. It should help us, not hurt us. It should ensure opportunity not just for those with the most money and influence, but for every American who's willing to work.*

**Ø CONTENT:** I have experienced the politics of the United States of America throughout the last generation. I have studied the history and the politics of America since they began in 1620. At no time did the government of the United States of America intentionally hurt its populace, the Native Americans and the Slaves excepted. Surely there were individuals who suffered under some economic policies. These were wrong economic policies of a rampant pure capitalism. They were not rampant policies of a government administration. Personally, and I am sure that I speak for an indefinable number of economic situations, the American government has provided me with guaranteed opportunities. Those like me and in my position, took these opportunities and made something out of them. Now, if opportunity should not have anything to do with money or influence and Barack Hussein Obama believes this, then Barack Hussein Obama should donate the 300,000,000 dollars Barack Hussein Obama has in campaign funds to charity, and forget the show.

**Ø CONTENT:** The rule of thumb is: The more government programs, the less individual responsibility.

*That's the promise of America, the idea that we are responsible for ourselves, but that we also rise or fall as one nation; the fundamental belief that I am my brother's keeper; I am my sister's keeper.*

**Ø COMMENT:** This is a sly comment making reference to the messiah syndrome. Barack Hussein Obama takes the Biblical statement *Am I my brother's keeper?* and turns it into a positive statement. At the same time *brothers* and *sisters* are appellations of Christians under the Messiah. Moreover, there is the insinuation that Republicans do not have the same moral code. This is an insult that has no foundation.

Ø **CONTENT:** America does not rise or fall. It stands upright!

*That's the promise we need to keep. That's the change we need right now.*

Ø **CONTENT:** *I am my brother's and my sister's keeper* are not promises. They are high moral codes. Indeed, they are sacred rules of humanity. They are not promises!

*So let me spell out exactly what that change would mean if I am President. Change means a tax code that doesn't reward the lobbyists who wrote it, but the American workers and small businesses who deserve it. Unlike John McCain, I will stop giving tax breaks to corporations that ship jobs overseas, and I will start giving them to companies that create good jobs right here in America. I will eliminate capital gains taxes for the small businesses and the start-ups that will create the high-wage, high-tech jobs of tomorrow. I will cut taxes, cut taxes, for 95% of all working families.*

Ø **CONTENT:** The statements that Barack Hussein Obama makes attacking Senator John McCain's economic policies take what John McCain's economic program out of its full economic context. Again, Barack Hussein Obama cannot see the whole economic forest because of the singular economic trees. Moreover, why should only 95% of America's working families receive a tax cut? Why not 100%? Are the 5% who are not to receive a tax cut Republican families? Furthermore, Barack Hussein Obama says that Barack Hussein Obama will cut certain taxes, but which ones will Barack Hussein Obama raise?

Ø **USAGE:** Should read in the subjunctive: *So let me spell out exactly what that change would mean if I were President.*

*Because in an economy like this, the last thing we should do is raise taxes on the middle-class. And for the sake of our economy, our security, and the future of our planet, I will set a clear goal as President: in ten years, we will finally end our dependence on oil from the Middle East.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Come down to reality Barack Hussein Obama! The only fact that will end American dependence on oil from the Middle East is that fact that there will be no more oil available from that area. Furthermore, where

is *I-am-my-brother's-and-my-sister's-keeper* morality. Thousands, if not millions of jobs for humanity's brothers and sisters in the oil producing countries will be at stake. What Barack Hussein Obama intends to say is that there should not be 100% dependency on Middle East oil.

*Washington's been talking about our oil addiction for the last thirty years, and John McCain has been there for twenty-six of them. In that time, he's said no to higher fuel-efficiency standards for cars, no to investments in renewable energy, no to renewable fuels.*

Ø **CONTENT:** The claims against Senator John McCain are not in context to what Senator McCain has stated on these issues. The statements are too general to be considered as fact. Being an academic, I would like to know the source and the statements that John McCain made in Congress. I could not find them!

Ø **GRAMMAR:** Better: Washington has been ...

Ø **USAGE:** Addicted to oil ... The United States of America is not addicted to oil ... . It is dependent on oil as one source of energy for the functioning of the economy. The proper English usage of the word *addiction* is used with drugs. Oil is not a drug!

*And today, we import triple the amount of oil as the day that Senator McCain took office.*

*Now is the time to end this addiction, and to understand that drilling is a stop-gap measure, not a long-term solution.*

Ø **CONTENT:** The importation of oil is a matter of free market economic policies: supply and demand. That the importation of oil is three times as much as it was twenty-six years ago is also an indication of the prosperity and growth of the American economy during the last twenty-five years. If drilling for oil is not the solution, then why did the Democrats not stop American oil companies from drilling for oil when they had the opportunity to do so?

Not even close.

Ø **CONTENT / GRAMMAR / USAGE:** These three words make no sense whatsoever. It is not even a sentence! Is this great oratory?

*As President, I will tap our natural gas reserves, invest in clean coal technology, and find ways to safely harness nuclear power.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Barack Hussein Obama does not know how to tap gas reserves. Barack Hussein Obama does not know how clean coal technology works. Barack Hussein Obama cannot find ways to safely harness atomic energy. Barack Hussein Obama means that Barack Hussein Obama will provide the legal framework for these matters. Engineers would then go into action; environmentalists as well ... to stop the engineers.

*I'll help our auto companies re-tool, so that the fuel-efficient cars of the future are built right here in America.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Unclear! To re-tool means really to re-invest in the manufacturing and technological infrastructure. Now the situation is clearer.

*I'll make it easier for the American people to afford these new cars.*

Ø **CONTENT:** With new credit cards and official cancellation of all of their debts? People who want to make purchases and live on solid, political economy terms should consider the basic rules for organizing their income: one-third to cover ever-occurring bills; one-third for everyday living; one-third to be saved. Do not purchase on credit. If the purchase is absolutely necessary, at best relegate only one third of the purchase on

**credit. The rule of thumb is: *If you cannot pay cash, do not buy it! If you live beyond your means, you will pay beyond your means!***

*And I'll invest 150 billion dollars over the next decade in affordable, renewable sources of energy, wind power and solar power and the next generation of biofuels; an investment that will lead to new industries and five million new jobs that pay well and can't ever be outsourced.*

**Ø CONTENT: I would do the same thing if I were President. So would any other person. But it cannot be done without (raising) taxes!**

*America, now is not the time for small plans.*

**Ø CONTENT: 150 billion dollars is a small plan? Barack Hussein Obama does not know reality! I suspect that the total will be exceeded by an exceedingly higher debt in dollars.**

*Now is the time to finally meet our moral obligation to provide every child a world-class education, because it will take nothing less to compete in the global economy.*

**Ø CONTENT: The reality is to provide every child with the opportunity to receive a world-class education. Not every child will want one or will need one. I know many people of Barack Hussein Obama's generation who did not receive a world-class education and yet they compete successfully in the global economy. I did not know that I did not receive a world class education. I am not a Harvard graduate, but personally I know that my education was better than that which Harvard had to offer at the time.**

Michelle and I are only here tonight because we were given a chance at an education.

**Ø CONTENT: The American farmers I know have a word for this kind of statement. Here is an attempt at not stating the real reason: Barack**

Hussein Obama wants to become President of the United States of America and Barack Hussein Obama's wife wants to become First Lady. There is nothing wrong with that, on the surface. Why does Barack Hussein Obama beat around the subject matter and not say the real point?

Ø **USAGE:** They were not given the chance at an education. They were not even *given* the opportunity. The government of the United States of America provided and guaranteed the opportunity. The word *chance* is too luck-oriented.

*And I will not settle for an America where some kids don't have that chance.*

Ø **USAGE:** *Kid* is English slang for child and is somewhat demeaning and animal-oriented.

Ø **USAGE:** Chance should be replaced with opportunity.

*I'll invest in early childhood education. I'll recruit an army of new teachers, and pay them higher salaries and give them more support. And in exchange, I'll ask for higher standards and more accountability.*

Ø **CONTENT:** This smells of nationalized education. That is the worst that could happen to the United States of America. The best education at childhood level, at grade-school level, at high school level, and at university level (Where there are real students!) is an education based on competition between the institutions. To recruit an army of teachers is not the answer. Let's leave the military with the military.

Ø **USAGE:** The answer is to employ educators, not teachers. One can teach an animal tricks. People, children to adults, receive an education. They do not learn tricks!

*And we will keep our promise to every young American, if you commit to serving your community or your country, we will make sure you can afford a college education.*

Ø **USAGE:** commit yourself .

Ø **CONTENT:** Does Barack Hussein Obama not know that such programs are already in existence?

*Now is the time to finally keep the promise of affordable, accessible health care for every single American. If you have health care, my plan will lower your premiums.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Logic. If there is already health care, there is no need for a new plan. Just modify the present one.

*If you don't, you'll be able to get the same kind of coverage that members of Congress give themselves.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Logic. *If you don't* what? The statement is not logical.

Ø **CONTENT:** Barack Hussein Obama does not know the Congressional retirement/medical system. Congresspersons contribute to their retirement and medical coverage personally. The real situation is this: "Prior to 1984, neither Members of Congress nor any other federal civil service employee paid Social Security taxes. Of course, they were also not eligible to receive Social Security benefits. Members of Congress and other federal employees were instead covered by a separate pension plan called the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). The 1983 amendments to the Social Security Act required federal employees first hired after 1983 to participate in Social Security. These amendments also required all Members of Congress to participate in Social Security as of January 1, 1984, regardless of when they first entered Congress. Because the CSRS was not designed to coordinate with Social Security, Congress directed the development of a new retirement plan for federal workers. The result was the Federal Employees' Retirement System Act of 1986.

**Members of Congress receive retirement and health benefits under the same plans available to other federal employees. They become vested after five years of full participation.**

**Members elected since 1984 are covered by the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS). Those elected prior to 1984 were covered by the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). In 1984 all members were given the option of remaining with CSRS or switching to FERS.**

**As it is for all other federal employees, congressional retirement is funded through taxes and the participants' contributions. Members of Congress under FERS contribute 1.3 percent of their salary into the FERS retirement plan and pay 6.2 percent of their salary in Social Security taxes.**

**Members of Congress are not eligible for a pension until they reach the age of 50, but only if they've completed 20 years of service. Members are eligible at any age after completing 25 years of service or after they reach the age of 62. Please also note that Members of Congress have to serve at least 5 years to even receive a pension.**

**The amount of a Congressperson's pension depends on the years of service and the average of the highest 3 years of his or her salary. By law, the starting amount of a Member's retirement annuity may not exceed 80% of his or her final salary.**

**According to the Congressional Research Service, 413 retired Members of Congress were receiving federal pensions based fully or in part on their congressional service as of Oct. 1, 2006. Of this number, 290 had retired under CSRS and were receiving an average annual pension of \$60,972. A total of 123 Members had retired with service under both CSRS and FERS or with service under FERS only. Their average annual pension was \$35,952 in 2006."**

**To guarantee non-civil service workers the same kind of coverage would require that those receiving such coverage would also have to pay into the system, probably much more than they are now paying if they have coverage.**

*And as someone who watched my mother argue with insurance companies while she lay in bed dying of cancer, I will make certain those companies stop discriminating against those who are sick and need care the most.*



**Ø CONTENT:** I know a mother who died of cancer and she had no problem with her insurance company. It is the company, not the program that is at fault.

*Now is the time to help families with paid sick days and better family leave, because nobody in America should have to choose between keeping their jobs and caring for a sick child or ailing parent. Now is the time to change our bankruptcy laws, so that your pensions are protected ahead of CEO bonuses; and the time to protect Social Security for future generations.*

**Ø CONTENT:** As far as I know, these are Republican Party goals as well!

*And now is the time to keep the promise of equal pay for an equal day's work, because I want my daughters to have exactly the same opportunities as your sons. Now, many of these plans will cost money, which is why I've laid out how I'll pay for every dime, by closing corporate loopholes and tax havens that don't help America grow. But I will also go through the federal budget, line by line, eliminating programs that no longer work and making the ones we do need work better and cost less, because we cannot meet twenty-first century challenges with a twentieth century bureaucracy.*

**Ø USAGE: Wording:** *my daughters to have exactly the same opportunities as your sons and daughters.*

**Ø CONTENT:** These measures sound quite dictatorial. I am not a political, public administrator. Barack Hussein Obama sounds like one who is making promises while knowing that Barack Hussein Obama cannot make them come true. What would most likely happen is a middle-of-the-road compromise, the description of which is beyond my present knowledge. Yet, I know that not all Democratic Party and Republican Party policies are good for America. What I do know is that new government programs will create new bureaucracies. New programs are not the answer. Revisions of present ones are the answers.

*And Democrats, we must also admit that fulfilling America's promise will require more than just money.*

**Ø CONTENT:** Democratic Party programs have always cost money and have always needed taxes to pay for them.

*It will require a renewed sense of responsibility from each of us to recover what John F. Kennedy called our "intellectual and moral strength."*

Ø **CONTENT:** Barack Hussein Obama is walking a thin line when Barack Hussein Obama refers to John F. Kennedy with *intellectual and moral strength*. I will not make any exact statements about the personal, moral conduct of deceased Presidents, particularly one that was assassinated. I shall mention moral strength in reference to the loyalty to one's wife and in reference to certain conduct with a female agent of an enemy government.

*Yes, government must lead on energy independence, but each of us must do our part to make our homes and businesses more efficient. Yes, we must provide more ladders to success for young men who fall into lives of crime and despair.*

Ø **USAGE:** *ladders*. Use *opportunities for social advancement*.

Ø **USAGE:** Does the use of *young men* exclude young women?

*But we must also admit that programs alone can't replace parents; that government can't turn off the television and make a child do her homework; that fathers must take more responsibility for providing the love and guidance their children need. Individual responsibility and mutual responsibility, that's the essence of America's promise.*

Ø **CONTENT:** This is no great Democratic Party illumination. It has been with Americans since 1776. All of these matters are common sense and self-evident.

Ø **USAGE:** *her homework* Better, if kept in the singular, is *make a child do the homework*.

*And just as we keep our keep our promise to the next generation here at home, so must we keep America's promise abroad. If John McCain wants to have a debate about who has the temperament, and judgment, to serve as the next*

*Commander-in-Chief, that's a debate I'm ready to have. For while Senator McCain was turning his sights to Iraq just days after 9/11, I stood up and opposed this war, knowing that it would distract us from the real threats we face.*

**Ø CONTENT: Does Barack Hussein Obama want to be Commander-in-Chief only? He should debate John McCain on the whole spectrum of what Presidency means.**

**Ø CONTENT: Barack Hussein Obama did not have the experience to know what the real threats to America were and are. The Iraq War did not distract from the real threats. It localized them in a country that could not threaten the United States borders.**

*When John McCain said we could just "muddle through" in Afghanistan, I argued for more resources and more troops to finish the fight against the terrorists who actually attacked us on 9/11, and made clear that we must take out Osama bin Laden and his lieutenants if we have them in our sights.*

**Ø CONTENT: It was Senator McCain's stance on increasing troops in Afghanistan and Iraq that guaranteed Barack Hussein Obama's safe visit to Afghanistan and Iraq in July 2008. It was not Barack Hussein Obama's stance. Does Barack Hussein Obama not know that these military actions in the region are NATO engagements?**

**Ø USAGE: *take out* means *kill*. Why not use the common sense word? This word reflects reality!**

*John McCain likes to say that he'll follow bin Laden to the Gates of Hell, but he won't even go to the cave where he lives.*

**Ø CONTENT: Is Barack Hussein Obama stating that Barack Hussein Obama knows where bin Laden is? Is Barack Hussein Obama assisting a terrorist by not telling the government where bin Laden is?**

*And today, as my call for a time frame to remove our troops from Iraq has been echoed by the Iraqi government and even the Bush Administration, even after we learned that Iraq has a \$79 billion surplus while we're wallowing in deficits, John*

*McCain stands alone in his stubborn refusal to end a misguided war. That's not the judgment we need.*

**Ø CONTENT:** Wars! How terrible they are. But a war that fights Muslim, Islamic terrorists is not a misguided war. It is a war to guarantee the freedoms of a free world.

*That won't keep America safe. We need a President who can face the threats of the future, not keep grasping at the ideas of the past.*

**Ø CONTENT:** The statement grasping at the past is contradictory with reference to what follows: sentences in which Barack Hussein Obama grasps at the past.

*You don't defeat a terrorist network that operates in eighty countries by occupying Iraq.*

**Ø CONTENT:** That is not the only intent. One has to localize the situation first. Then defeat it. Is Barack Hussein Obama suggesting that the United States of America should occupy eighty countries?

*You don't protect Israel and deter Iran just by talking tough in Washington.*

**Ø CONTENT:** Yet, it was okay when President Clinton did so!

*You can't truly stand up for Georgia when you've strained our oldest alliances.*

**Ø USAGE:** Barack Hussein Obama should have stated what Georgia is and where it is. A great many Americans have no conception of what Barack Hussein Obama means. Georgia is the former Soviet Socialist Republic that borders Russia and it is an independent nation.

**Ø CONTENT:** Barack Hussein Obama does not know which side started straining the alliances. America has not strained its oldest alliances. The alliances were strained by other contract members, particularly by Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany and his Foreign Secretary

**Joseph Fischer. The former President of France, Jacques Chirac, contributed to the straining, as well.**

*If John McCain wants to follow George Bush with more tough talk and bad strategy, that is his choice, but it is not the change we need.*

**Ø CONTENT: This is an about-face of Barack Hussein Obama's policy. Barack Hussein Obama maintained throughout the primaries that the President should talk first. That is the strategy to take.**

*We are the party of Roosevelt. We are the party of Kennedy. So don't tell me that Democrats won't defend this country. Don't tell me that Democrats won't keep us safe. The Bush-McCain foreign policy has squandered the legacy that generations of Americans, Democrats and Republicans, have built, and we are here to restore that legacy.*

**Ø CONTENT: There were two Roosevelts as President: Theodore, a Republican, and Franklin Delano, a Democrat.**

**Ø CONTENT: Barack Hussein Obama is grasping at the past.**

*As Commander-in-Chief, I will never hesitate to defend this nation, but I will only send our troops into harm's way with a clear mission and a sacred commitment to give them the equipment they need in battle and the care and benefits they deserve when they come home.*

**Ø CONTENT: This is a misguided representation of the duties of a President and an insinuation that a Republican President does not do this. All Presidents have this duty, regardless of political party. This is no great intellectual illumination on the part of Barack Hussein Obama.**

*I will end this war in Iraq responsibly, and finish the fight against al Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan.*

Ø **CONTENT:** The wording is interesting. Barack Hussein Obama will *finish the fight against al Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan*. This rings of defeatism to me. Barack Hussein Obama is saying that Barack Hussein Obama will not fight them anymore, even though they pose a threat to the free world democratic-republics.

*I will rebuild our military to meet future conflicts.*

Ø **CONTENT:** The military capabilities of the United States of America are in constant fluctuation and in constant re-building regardless of who is President. President Clinton, however, did not pay much attention to the matter. He was concerned with other private matters.

*But I will also renew the tough, direct diplomacy that can prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons and curb Russian aggression.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Barack Hussein Obama said that talking tough is not enough. Peaceful diplomacy is talking, and if need be, it is talking tough. War is diplomacy by other means!

*I will build new partnerships to defeat the threats of the 21st century: terrorism and nuclear proliferation; poverty and genocide; climate change and disease.*

*And I will restore our moral standing, so that America is once again that last, best hope for all who are called to the cause of freedom, who long for lives of peace, and who yearn for a better future. These are the policies I will pursue.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Barack Hussein Obama wants to restore moral standing. I am restraining myself from laughing. I do not believe that America is immoral. These are the policies that all American Presidents have pursued. Barack Hussein Obama would be no different. John McCain would be no different. Is Barack Hussein Obama alluding to the Guantanamo prisoners who operate(d) outside the moral legalities of recognized international law?

*And in the weeks ahead, I look forward to debating them with John McCain.*

Ø **COMMENT:** So does the American voter. I personally caution Barack Hussein Obama to keep to the truth and facts. Barack Hussein Obama should not tirade, which really means to stretch the rhetoric. In fact, Barack Hussein Obama should debate with Barack Hussein Obama first. Knowing one's self is the best way to cure one's deficiencies.

*But what I will not do is suggest that the Senator takes his positions for political purposes.*

Ø **CONTENT and LOGIC:** Yet, Barack Hussein Obama is really suggesting such now by simply mentioning the matter, and he has done it in the past. Barack Hussein Obama must really be naïve. All politicians regardless of political party take positions for political purposes. That is their duty as politicians. The question is: Are the positions and political purposes positive for America, or are they used to gratify the sophistication of the self?

*Because one of the things that we have to change in our politics is the idea that people cannot disagree without challenging each other's character and patriotism. The times are too serious, the stakes are too high for this same partisan playbook.*

Ø **CONTENT:** That depends on the validity on one's character and the degree of one's patriotism. At the same time, Barack Hussein Obama throughout the speech maintains that the Democratic Party partisan playbook is okay!

*So let us agree that patriotism has no party. I love this country, and so do you, and so does John McCain.*

Ø **CONTENT:** And so do all voters who are not Democrats. Barack Hussein Obama states that Barack Hussein Obama *loves this country*. Is

**this the patriotic posture? If it is, why does Barack Hussein Obama not use the word *patriot* or *patriotism*. They are not stated in the speech!**

*The men and women who serve in our battlefields may be Democrats and Republicans and Independents, but they have fought together and bled together and some died together under the same proud flag.*

**Ø USAGE: I contend that a flag is not proud. I contend that a flag waves proudly or is displayed proudly. By waving in this manner or being displayed in this manner it occasions pride in the citizens of a country who take an oath of allegiance to it. The flag does not have emotion. It effects emotion in the citizens of the country**

*They have not served a Red America or a Blue America, they have served the United States of America.*

**Ø CONTENT: or a White America or a Black America. Why does Barack Hussein Obama not say: Patriotism has no color! Barack Hussein Obama does not use the words *patriotic*, or *patriot*, or *patriotism* in the speech. Is it difficult for Democrats to speak about these matters?**

*So I've got news for you, John McCain. We all put our country first. Well some politicians make speeches in which they refer to themselves over fifty percent of the speech!*

*America, our work will not be easy. The challenges we face require tough choices, and Democrats as well as Republicans will need to cast off the worn-out ideas and politics of the past.*

**Ø CONTENT: *Well some politicians make speeches in which they refer to themselves over fifty percent of the speech!* My goodness, Barack Hussein Obama has recognized Barack Hussein Obama's true self! (Refer to the INTRODUCTORY PERSPECTIVE)**

**Ø CONTENT: But both Democrats and Republicans will also have to refer to the politics of the past. It is a principle of history!**



*For part of what has been lost these past eight years can't just be measured by lost wages or bigger trade deficits. What has also been lost is our sense of common purpose, our sense of higher purpose. And that's what we have to restore.*

**Ø CONTENT: I did not detect any restoration under President Clinton. I did not detect it under President Carter. I did detect it under Presidents Reagan and George W. Bush Sr., even under George W. Bush Jr.**

*We may not agree on abortion, but surely we can agree on reducing the number of unwanted pregnancies in this country. The reality of gun ownership may be different for hunters in rural Ohio than for those plagued by gang-violence in Cleveland, but don't tell me we can't uphold the Second Amendment while keeping AK-47s out of the hands of criminals.*

**Ø CONTENT: Republicans are stronger on both issues than the Democrats! The moral truth is that life is a gift from God. By saying NO to unborn life Barack Hussein Obama is over-ruling God's moral principles and the most important gift humanity possesses.**

*I know there are differences on same-sex marriage, but surely we can agree that our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters deserve to visit the person they love in the hospital and to live lives free of discrimination.*

**Ø COMMENT: I believe: God created humans in his own image. God is not lesbian. God is not gay.**

**Ø GRAMMAR: Improper word order. Should read ... *our gay brothers and our lesbian sisters* ... .**

*Passions fly on immigration, but I don't know anyone who benefits when a mother is separated from her infant child or an employer undercuts American wages by hiring illegal workers.*

**Ø CONTENT: If there are instances of illegalities in these respects, let them, be prosecuted by law and not allow illegal workers to become legal *en masse*.**

*This too is part of America's promise, the promise of a democracy where we can find the strength and grace to bridge divides and unite in common effort.*

**Ø CONTENT: There is no promise of democracy. Barack Hussein Obama does not know what Barack Hussein Obama is saying. Indeed America is not a democracy. It is a republic with some democratic controls. It is a constitutional republic.**

*I know there are those who dismiss such beliefs as happy talk. They claim that our insistence on something larger, something firmer and more honest in our public life is just a Trojan Horse for higher taxes and the abandonment of traditional values. And that's to be expected.*

**Ø CONTENT: Happy Talk cannot be expected. It has to be rejected by both Republicans and Democrats.**

*Because if you don't have any fresh ideas, then you use stale tactics to scare the voters. If you don't have a record to run on, then you paint your opponent as someone people should run from. You make a big election about small things. And you know what, it's worked before.*

*Because it feeds into the cynicism we all have about government. When Washington doesn't work, all its promises seem empty. If your hopes have been dashed again and again, then it's best to stop hoping, and settle for what you already know.*

**Ø CONTENT: Barack Hussein Obama is doing exactly what Barack Hussein Obama claims the other party is doing. Barack Hussein Obama's ideas are not fresh. They have been plagiarized from previous presidents and politicians. Barack Hussein Obama's tactics scare the voters. Barack Hussein Obama paints John McCain as someone the voters should avoid. Barack Hussein Obama is making a big show about a normal occurrence. Barack Hussein Obama is cynical about the government. Is this not the reason Barack Hussein Obama is on the Change Trip? Barack Hussein Obama claims Washington does not work. I have been to Washington many times, more than Barack Hussein Obama. It works 24 hours a day. Barack Hussein Obama says that the hope of the American Dream has to be reclaimed. The position is a contradiction in terms. The American**

**Dream never ceases to exist. Barack Hussein Obama should know this. Apparently Barack Hussein Obama does not comprehend the situation.**

**Ø GRAMMAR: *run from*. Never use a preposition to end a sentence with!**

*I get it. I realize that I am not the likeliest candidate for this office. I don't fit the typical pedigree, and I haven't spent my career in the halls of Washington. But I stand before you tonight because all across America something is stirring. What the nay-sayers don't understand is that this election has never been about me. It's been about you.*

**Ø CONTENT: Is Barack Hussein Obama whining? Does Barack Hussein Obama meet the requirement according to the *Constitution*? If so, what more does Barack Hussein Obama need? Barack Hussein Obama should stop whining and come back into reality. Of course, the election is about Barack Hussein Obama. It is ridiculous to maintain otherwise.**

*For eighteen long months, you have stood up, one by one, and said enough to the politics of the past. You understand that in this election, the greatest risk we can take is to try the same old politics with the same old players and expect a different result. You have shown what history teaches us, that at defining moments like this one, the change we need doesn't come from Washington.*

**Ø CONTENT: Barack Hussein Obama in the speech constantly grasps at the past!**

**Ø USAGE: Eighteen months is a period of eighteen months. Eighteen months are neither long nor short. A month is neither long nor short. The days are standardized!**

**Ø CONTENT: *For eighteen long months, you have stood up, one by one, and said enough to the politics of the past*. This statement has a double meaning. It could mean a hidden slap at Hillary Rodham Clinton, too. She emphasized her past experience.**

*Change comes to Washington. Change happens because the American people demand it, because they rise up and insist on new ideas and new leadership, a new politics for a new time.*

Ø **CONTENT:** When a new President is elected, change will always occur.

Ø **LOGIC:** Change comes from the ballot of the voter based upon the respectability, truthfulness, and service to America of the candidates.

*America, this is one of those moments. I believe that as hard as it will be, the change we need is coming. Because I've seen it. Because I've lived it. I've seen it in Illinois, when we provided health care to more children and moved more families from welfare to work. I've seen it in Washington, when we worked across party lines to open up government and hold lobbyists more accountable, to give better care for our veterans and keep nuclear weapons out of terrorist hands. And I've seen it in this campaign. In the young people who voted for the first time, and in those who got involved again after a very long time.*

Ø **CONTENT:** These items are all a grasping for the past.

*In the Republicans who never thought they'd pick up a Democratic ballot, but did.*

Ø **GRAMMAR:** The statement is not a sentence.

Ø **CONTENT:** What I now say is my personal opinion based on objective, academic scrutiny. I picked up a democratic primary ballot. Yet, when I investigated the speeches of Barack Hussein Obama, they revealed to me a charlatan. Therefore, I threw the democratic ballot away.

*I've seen it in the workers who would rather cut their hours back a day than see their friends lose their jobs, in the soldiers who re-enlist after losing a limb, in the good neighbors who take a stranger in when a hurricane strikes and the floodwaters rise.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Barack Hussein Obama is grasping at the past again!

*This country of ours has more wealth than any nation, but that's not what makes us rich. We have the most powerful military on Earth, but that's not what makes us strong.*

Ø **GRAMMAR:** Earth does not have to be capitalized. There is only one earth!

*Our universities and our culture are the envy of the world, but that's not what keeps the world coming to our shores. Instead, it is that American spirit, that American promise, that pushes us forward even when the path is uncertain; that binds us together in spite of our differences; that makes us fix our eye not on what is seen, but what is unseen, that better place around the bend. That promise is our greatest inheritance. It's a promise I make to my daughters when I tuck them in at night, and a promise that you make to yours, a promise that has led immigrants to cross oceans and pioneers to travel west; a promise that led workers to picket lines, and women to reach for the ballot.*

Ø **CONTENT:** My goodness! I cannot believe what I see, and what I read, and what I hear. A Republican is speaking!

*And it is that promise that forty five years ago today, brought Americans from every corner of this land to stand together on a Mall in Washington, before Lincoln's Memorial, and hear a young preacher from Georgia speak of his dream.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Barack Hussein Obama is grasping for the past. Why does Barack Hussein Obama not say who the preacher is/was? Why does Barack Hussein Obama not say that the preacher would have made a very good President. He surely would have done so! Is Barack Hussein Obama afraid that his identity and character be compared with that of a past , truly an exceptional and historical personality, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?

*The men and women who gathered there could've heard many things. They could've heard words of anger and discord. They could've been told to succumb to the fear and frustration of so many dreams deferred. But what the people heard instead, people of every creed and color, from every walk of life, is that in America, our destiny is inextricably linked.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Barack Hussein Obama is grasping for the past!

Ø **GRAMMAR:** *could've* should be *could have*.

*That together, our dreams can be one. "We cannot walk alone," the preacher cried. "And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back."*

*America, we cannot turn back. Not with so much work to be done. Not with so many children to educate, and so many veterans to care for. Not with an economy to fix and cities to rebuild and farms to save. Not with so many families to protect and so many lives to mend. America, we cannot turn back. We cannot walk alone.*

Ø **CONTENT:** Barack Hussein Obama grasps for the past but says America cannot turn back. The logic does not jive. The basic historical fact is that America never turns back, regardless of who is President. Barack Hussein Obama is making a statement that is historically untrue.

Ø **CONTENT:** Is it really the responsibility of government to mend people's lives? It is not my concept of government.

*At this moment, in this election, we must pledge once more to march into the future. Let us keep that promise, that American promise, and in the words of Scripture hold firmly, without wavering, to the hope that we confess.*

*Thank you, God Bless you, and God Bless the United States of America.*

Ø **CONTENT:** There are no words in the Holy Scripture that state *Thank you, God Bless you, and God Bless the United States of America*. What Barack Hussein Obama should have said is simply: *With the following words we hold firmly in hope and we shall never waver. Thank You. May God Bless You and May God Bless the United States of America.*

The disguised undertone in *Thank you, God Bless you, and God Bless the United States of America* is that Barack Hussein Obama is commanding God to bless. By saying *May*, Barack Hussein Obama would really have shown humility. Had Barack Hussein Obama worded the ending of the speech in this manner, it would have signaled the only instance of humility in the speech.

Ø **COMMENT:** I hear a Republican speaking!

#### CONCLUDING PERSPECTIVE

The concluding perspective is short. I shall paraphrase Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), one of the intellectual Founding Fathers of the United States of America.

**The so-called great orator has spoken. There was a rainstorm of words, but not one drop of reason.**

#### PROGNOSIS

With this type of speech and all of its deficiencies that appeal to a soap-opera-oriented electorate, I predict that Barack Hussein Obama will win the presidential election. Then the United States of America will surely be in need of God's Blessing.

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