

## Obama's Coronation Lies And Obfuscations:

“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...”

*“Brief” is right. Okay, we get it... he was born in a log cabin, studied law by candlelight, walked six miles to school barefoot in the snow, blah, blah, blah - the same tough life experienced by every kid who went to Harvard.*

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

*During the first six years of the Clinton Presidency, the unemployment rate ranged from 5.49 to 6.91 per cent. In Clinton's last two years, the unemployment rate was 4.22 and 3.97 per cent. Was that improvement because of Clinton, or because the Republicans took control of Congress, balanced the budget, and forced Clinton into accepting welfare reform.*

*Because of the terrorist attacks of 9/11, the unemployment rate increased to 5.99 per cent under President Bush. (Move the 9/11 attack to Clinton's term and try to argue that it wouldn't have affected the economy he presided over.) In 2007 the unemployment rate was 4.61 per cent, surprisingly low considering the housing and mortgage crisis – which were caused by long-term developments that were brought about by both Republicans and Democrats.*

“But the record's clear: John McCain has voted with George Bush 90 percent of the time.... I don't know about you, but I am not ready to take a 10 percent chance on change.”

*Barack Obama has voted with George Bush 80 per cent of the time. But those numbers are meaningless, because they include votes for things like defining “National Pie Week.” The important votes are where Obama and McCain differed, not where McCain and Bush differed.*

“He said that our economy has made great progress under this president. He said that the fundamentals of the economy are strong.”

*By 2008, the United States economy had grown by about 20 per cent since George W. Bush was sworn in – despite the disruption caused by the terrorist attacks of 9/11. There have been no quarters of negative growth during the Bush Presidency.*

*Disposable income grew 9 per cent during Bush's first 6 years (after adjusting for inflation). The unemployment rate under President Bush averaged 5.2 per cent, and never exceeded 6.2 per cent. Under Clinton it also averaged 5.2 per cent, and reached a high of 7.2 per cent.*

*In the last four quarters of Bill Clinton's Presidency, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) declined from 4.8 to 3.5 to 2.4 to 1.9 per cent. And for the first eight months of the Bush Administration, the prior Clinton budget was still in effect. It was in effect when the World Trade Center was attacked on September 11.*

*The 9/11 terrorist attack could have caused a depression equal to that of the 1930s. That it didn't was due to quick and forceful action by the Bush Administration (and the Federal Reserve Board). Despite the housing problems the country is going through now, the economy still enjoys positive growth – albeit weak. Democrats choose to forget that economic growth was tanking when Clinton left office in 2000. If Obama thinks the current growth in GDP (3.3 per cent in the second quarter of 2008) is a signal of a bad economy, wasn't the last year of Clinton's economy worse, at 1.9 per cent?*

“And when one of his chief advisers, the man who wrote his economic plan, was talking about the anxieties that 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."

*Phil Gramm was correct - the nation is full of whiners. It is not the fault of Bush or McCain that some people paid \$400,000 for homes worth only \$350,000, on the assumption they'd find someone stupid enough to pay \$450,000 for it a few months later. The unemployment rate is low, despite some economic problems. Most people in America are not suffering, and more areas of the nation are doing better than worse. Pockets of economic woes exist (e.g. Detroit), but decades-old factors were the cause. You can't blame Bush for Detroit.*

*Obama and the Democrat talking points would lead me to believe that millions of Americans are starving in the streets, looking for their next meal in dumpsters behind the local fast food franchise. Obama did not use the standard line about “living from paycheck to paycheck,” but it will no doubt be used quite a bit before election day. But is today any different than 10 years ago, or 20 years ago? The fact is that pretty much everyone lives from paycheck to paycheck. Few Americans in 2008 have saved for that “rainy day,” but they rarely have in the past too.*

“Why else would he define middle-class as someone making under \$5 million 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 100 million Americans?”

*John McCain was joking when he made that remark at his appearance at the Saddleback Church; everyone watching the event knew he was joking, and for Obama to pretend McCain was serious – in his most important speech to date no less – was disgraceful. For the record, Obama voted for the 2005 bill that extended tax breaks for the oil companies; McCain voted against it. McCain wants to extend the Bush tax cuts. Obama has vowed not to.*

“When I -- 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.”

*That steel plant is still closed. Neither Clinton nor Obama did - or could do - anything to re-open it. There are some things government simply can't do, and one of them is to guarantee that anyone will be able to keep his job forever. We no longer employ thousands of people in the typewriter industry, but we have far more Americans with computer-related jobs than ever built typewriters. Had Obama been President 30 years ago, would he have outlawed computers in order to save jobs in the typewriter industry?*

“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, to look out for American workers, and play by the rules of the road.”

*Obama's plans to raise income taxes, the capital gains tax, the dividends tax, and tariffs on imported goods will punish drive and innovation and prevent job growth. He will be making it worse, not better.*

“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.”

*We are indeed responsible for ourselves – that's the difference between a Republic based on individual liberty and a European socialist democracy. It is not the job of government to provide for us; it is the job of government to protect us. “I am my brother's keeper” means that we should, as individuals, help our fellow man because it is the proper and moral thing to do. It does not mean the government should rob Peter to pay Paul. It does not mean that Obama should tax the American people to the tune of \$65 billion per year for an anti-global poverty plan that would send most of that money to Africa. Let Obama send his own money to his destitute half-brother in Kenya.*

“You know, unlike John McCain, I will stop giving tax breaks to companies that ship jobs overseas, and I will start giving them to companies that create good jobs right here in America.”

*Obama will raise corporate taxes, capital gains taxes, dividend taxes, and impose enormous carbon-offset taxes on businesses. Obama will pass a law eliminating secret ballots in union organizing elections, which will increase union power and increase wage rates. These factors combined will prompt more businesses to flee America, which already has the second-highest corporate tax rate in the world.*

*McCain does not support tax breaks for certain businesses to enable them to “ship jobs overseas.” Obama's tax changes will hurt all American businesses.*

*Further, Obama plans on increasing tariffs on some foreign products, to make some American businesses “more competitive.” That is is, he wants to protect them from*

*competition. Which products he targets will probably be based on which unions donated to his campaign. The result of his tariff increases will be retaliation by other nations, which will cost American jobs as other nations buy fewer American goods.*

“I’ll eliminate capital gains taxes for the small businesses and start-ups that will create the high-wage, high-tech jobs of tomorrow.”

*Obama has already promised to raise both capital gains taxes and dividends taxes, which will cause a decline in stocks, hurting everyone who has an IRA or 401(k) accounts or who is in a company retirement plan*

*If Obama plans on giving tax breaks to only some companies to create jobs in the United States, which companies will those be? What will his criteria be? Must you be a friend, relative, or campaign donor to get his tax break? Will Obama personally decide which businesses “merit” tax breaks and which do not? Those that do not will pay the price, because he needs an additional \$367.5 billion each year to fund his new programs, and he’ll have to get that from both individual taxpayers and businesses.*

“I will -- listen now -- I will cut taxes -- cut taxes -- for 95 percent of all working families, because, in an economy like this, the last thing we should do is raise taxes on the middle class.”

*Obama’s new spending plans total at least \$367 billion per year. Obama says he will tax only those American families earning at least \$250,000 per year. But because there are only 1.7 million such families, they would each have to pay, on average, an additional \$216,000 per year in higher income taxes to fund Obama’s spending plans! That is impossible, leaving Obama no choice but to raise taxes on Americans with lower incomes.*

*Obama also has plans to tax anyone whose home is larger than 2,400 square feet, without regard to any \$250,000 income level, and Obama will eliminate the maximum cap on Social Security taxes which, by definition, means higher taxes on people making less than \$250,000.*

“In 10 years, we will finally end our dependence on oil from the Middle East.”

*Obama cannot do that while also leaving oil fields offshore and in Alaska’s ANWR reserves off limits. Obama can end dependence on Middle East oil only by increasing dependence on oil from Venezuela, Russia, Brazil, and Canada.*

“...he has said no to higher fuel-efficiency standards for cars, no to investments in renewable energy, no to renewable fuels. And today, we import triple the amount of oil than we had on the day that Senator McCain took office.”

*Of course America imports more oil than it did when McCain first took office - the Democrats have refused to allow additional drilling for oil offshore or in Alaska, and America has grown and has a greater population. (Americans also buy more groceries than they 25 years ago. So what?) Democrats have consistently resisted the construction of new nuclear plants, which would reduce our dependence on oil. McCain has not been against renewable energy or renewable fuels, he believes the market will encourage them and accept them as they become proven and reliable. If capital gains taxes are kept low, Americans will invest in those new energy businesses we need.*

*Merely "requiring" the automakers to improve fuel economy doesn't make it happen. If it were so easy, why not mandate 500 mile per gallon automobiles? Why tell Detroit it must give us only 30 or 40 or 50 mpg?*

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

*No Republican has said that drilling for oil is the only solution. It is one solution, along with nuclear power, wind power, solar power, natural gas, coal, and oil-shale deposits. America will require oil for decades, regardless of where it comes from, because the alternatives are not yet ready or reliable. Unless Obama can figure out a way to make plastic, tires, waterproofing, synthetics, and thousands of other products without using petroleum, we will be using oil for a long time to come.*

"As president, as president, I will tap our natural gas reserves, invest in clean coal technology, and find ways to safely harness nuclear power. I'll help our auto companies re-tool, so that the fuel-efficient cars of the future are built right here in America."

*Natural gas is also a fossil fuel and, as such, also involves carbon dioxide emissions. Obama's support of coal and nuclear power is weak, inasmuch he qualifies them. To "find ways to safely harness nuclear power" is Obama's way to sound like he supports nuclear power while he doesn't - because he will certainly use environmental safety as a reason to block new plants.*

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

*It is assumed here that Obama means tax credits for those who buy hybrid cars, which necessarily means higher taxes (to make up the revenue shortage) for those who don't drive or who don't buy new cars. Those who can't afford to replace their old car will thus be paying for their neighbor's new car.*

"And I'll invest \$150 billion over the next decade in affordable, renewable sources of energy -- wind power, and solar power, and the next generation of bio-fuels -- an investment that will lead to new industries and 5 million new jobs that pay well and can't be outsourced."

*Where will that \$150 billion come from? How does Obama prevent food prices from increasing if he pushes farmers toward growing fuel crops, rather than food crops, with \$150 billion in incentives?*

“You know, Michelle and I are only here tonight because we were given a chance at an education. And I will not settle for an America where some kids don't have that chance.”

*What kids don't have a chance in America today? What is anyone's excuse for not succeeding today? If Obama and his wife managed to attend college despite coming from families that were not wealthy, why can't others? What is Obama proposing that will change things? How much will his proposals cost? If America is such a terrible place where “kids don't have that chance” to succeed, how did he and his wife become successful?*

“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.”

*There is no justification for this Obama program in the United States Constitution. In fact, it is prohibited (along with the very existence Department of Education) by the Tenth Amendment. Education is a local matter, funded by local taxes, which keeps school boards and teachers accountable under close local control (or at least they should be under close control).*

*Who gets Obama's “army of new teachers?” Which communities? Where will the money to pay them come from? Must Missouri taxpayers pay higher taxes for schools in Chicago just because Chicago can't run them well themselves? Who determines Obama's “higher standards?” Will Obama assign that to the NEA?*

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

*What does Obama have in mind here? We already have a G.I. Bill to fund college educations for veterans. Is he going to change that? How? What does he mean about “community service?” Will Obama give you a college education (at taxpayer expense) for working to sign up new Democrat voters?*

“Now -- now is the time to finally keep the promise of affordable, accessible health care for every single American.”

*Obama will only make it worse. His staff estimates that his health plan will cost taxpayers \$65 billion per year, yet it is more ambitious than Hillary Clinton's plan, which she estimated would cost \$110 billion per year. Clearly it will cost far more than his estimates, and there are no successful national plans in other countries worth emulating. Further, a national health plan is unconstitutional, although individual states*

*could implement them. (Again, refer to the Tenth Amendment, which renders many of Obama's proposals unconstitutional.)*

“If you have health care -- if you have health care, my plan will lower your premiums. If you don't, you'll be able to get the same kind of coverage that members of Congress give themselves.”

*This is a patent lie. But if one believes Obama can do it, “show me the numbers.”*

“I will make certain those companies stop discriminating against those who are sick and need care the most.”

*If Obama is referring here to his pledge to stop insurance companies from denying coverage to people because they have pre-existing conditions, insurers will go out of business – because no American would bother buying an insurance policy until he gets sick. If Obama means something else, what is it?*

“Now is the time to help families with paid sick days and better family leave.”

*Clinton's existing unpaid family leave law has caused no end of trouble for businesses whose employees have taken widespread advantage of the rules. If Obama now gives employees paid family leave, how will that help American businesses compete better with foreign companies? How will Obama prevent the abuses already seen under the Clinton law? American businesses will have to raise prices on all products and services to make up for the vast sums of money spent paying absent workers.*

“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 the exact same opportunities as your sons.”

*It is currently illegal to pay a woman less than a man for doing the same work. What more does Obama plan on doing? What opportunities do his daughters not have?*

“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.”

*Obama can close every loop-hole that exists, but it won't be enough. Obama needs at least \$367 billion per year to fund his new programs, and that is over and above the several hundred billion the federal government is already running in annual deficits. American businesses don't have the resources to allow Obama to take a half trillion more dollars from them each year – not without those businesses passing on that incredible burden to the consumer, through higher prices on goods and services. The more Obama needs from business, the more companies will go out of business.*



“For, for a while, 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 that we face.”

*McCain did not “set his sights” on Iraq “just days after 9/11.” The focus was on bin Laden and the Taliban in Afghanistan. It was not until 2003 that American troops were sent to Iraq to eject Saddam Hussein. Obama was a State Senator in Illinois during the 9/11 attacks, and had no vote in the Illinois Senate. Both Clinton and Biden voted to support the military actions taken by Bush.*

“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.”

*George w. Bush tried to take out Osama bin Laden and so far has failed. Bill Clinton had several opportunities to take out Osama bin Laden and chose not to. Most people prefer trying and failing to not trying. Obama has demonstrated a preference for appeasement over sanctions and tough diplomacy. A “strongly-worded letter” from the United Nations will not persuade bin Laden to give himself up.*

“You know, John McCain likes to say that he'll follow bin Laden to the gates of Hell, but he won't even follow him to the cave where he lives.”

*If Obama knows where to find Osama and hasn't told President Bush, Obama should be tried for treason. What exactly is Obama proposing here? Is Obama going to put on a uniform, pick up a gun, and head to bin Laden's cave? Or will the mere presence of Obama in the White House prompt the terrorists to quake in their boots and offer up the location of bin Laden? It is more likely that the terrorist think they can get away with more during an Obama Presidency, as they believe he is either weak or, based on the anti-Israel advisors on his team, on their side.*

“John McCain stands alone in his stubborn refusal to end a misguided war.”

*Ending a war is easy; winning it is difficult. McCain doesn't take the easy way out. Nor does McCain “stand alone.”*

“...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.”

*Our troops would have better equipment had Bill Clinton not gutted the military because he wanted to spend on non-military projects the “peace dividend” provided by Ronald Reagan.*



“I will end this war in Iraq responsibly and finish the fight against Al Qaida and the Taliban in Afghanistan. I will rebuild our military to meet future conflicts, but I will also renew the tough, direct diplomacy that can prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons and curb Russian aggression.”

*Americans want to end the war by winning it, rather than just by withdrawing troops. If Obama's initial response to Russia's invasion of Georgia is any indication of his toughness, he's a 98-pound weakling.*

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

*Obama's “tough vote” to stop nuclear proliferation was contributing to a unanimous voice vote on the Senate floor. Obama opposes the military's anti-defense missile system, which would help protect us against a nuclear strike. Without that system (which Russia fears will be deployed in Poland under a recent agreement with United States), Russia – and Iran – would have more reason to believe they could use a nuclear weapon. Obama will not be able to persuade Russia to give up its weapons any more than Russia could persuade us to give up ours.*

*Obama's plan to fight global poverty will cost American taxpayers \$65 billion per year - with most of it going to Africa.*

*Obama's plan to “stop climate change” involves imposing tremendous “carbon-offset” taxes on American industry, which Americans will pay for with higher electric bills and gas bills. Over 31,000 scientists (scientists, not politicians or Hollywood actors) have signed a document expressing significant doubts about linking global warming to human activity. Obama is willing to go along with CO2 restrictions that would cost trillions of dollars, destroy the economy, cause significant job losses, and raise prices drastically – without waiting for more scientific evidence – all because an impressionable Al Gore was, decades ago, swayed by a college professor's speculations about the effect of human activity on the weather.*

*Obama agrees with the environmentalists who oppose the spraying of chemicals to kill mosquitoes that transmit malaria, even though DDT has been proven safe if handled properly. But Obama would continue to allow tens of thousands of Africans to die from malaria each year, rather than use a proven chemical. Spraying the chemicals would save more lives than nets over beds – and would cost less.*

“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.”

*Bush had the support of both houses of Congress, United Nations Resolutions, and 45 nations when we invaded Iraq to free its people from Saddam Hussein's terrors. Some of the nations which opposed our intervention (France, Germany, Russia) were found to*

*have been getting kickbacks from Hussein in order to help him stay in power. America's "moral standing" is fine with the governments of those nations which believe in freedom, democracy, and economic growth through free-market capitalism. If Obama needs to "restore our moral standing" in the eyes of the European socialist governments, how does he intend to do that?*

"We may not agree on abortion, but surely we can agree on reducing the number of unwanted pregnancies in this country."

*Obama has promised Planned Parenthood that the first bill he will sign as President is one that makes illegal all state laws limiting abortions. How does Obama expect to reduce the number of abortions if he wants federal funding for abortions, will prohibit the states from outlawing late-term abortions, and will prohibit the states from requiring parental consent for minors wanting abortions? Or does Obama mean that "...reducing the number of unwanted pregnancies simply requires even more abortions?*

"The, the reality of gun ownership may be different for hunters in rural Ohio than they are 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."

*But what is he going to do?*

"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 a hospital..."

*What hospital refuses to allow a patient to receive visitors of his own choosing? Proof, please..*

"You know, passions may 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."

*Mothers who enter the United States legally are not separated from their children. If the mother remains in Mexico, rather than enter the United States illegally, she will remain with her child. Most Americans would be pleased to see a law making it illegal to hire undocumented aliens.*

"But 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."

*Obama's has a record, in both the Illinois State Senate and the United States Senate, of never compromising with Republicans. It's either his way or no legislation. Obama has never shown himself to be a "bridge builder."*

“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.”

*Is Obama not planning on higher taxes? Is Obama not planning on allowing California to continue gay marriages?*

“If you don't have a record to run on, then you paint your opponent as someone people should run from.”

*Obama has done nothing but paint McCain as another Bush. And what exactly is Obama's record? What has he accomplished, other than make speeches and write two self-absorbed books?*

“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.”

*Obama spent his career in Chicago machine politics and being an errand boy for Chicago mayor Daley in the Illinois State Senate..*

“What the naysayers don't understand is that this election has never been about me; it's about you.”

*Obama and the media think it's only about Obama.*

“Because I've seen it in Illinois, when we provided health care to more children and moved more families from welfare to work.”

*The legislation for child health care for children in Illinois was not written by Obama. It was passed after he was no longer in the Illinois Senate, and became effective July 1, 2006. Illinois now has enormous budget problems, and faces a deficit of \$752 million in fiscal year 2009. The state owes over \$3 billion in unpaid Medicaid bills. The child health care program has only added to the state's budget woes. The state's governor is Rod Blagojevich, a Democrat who, like Obama, also has ties to the convicted Tony Rezko.*

*Obama did not move families from welfare to work. The Republican Congress did that at the end of Clinton's second term by forcing him to sign welfare reform legislation; had the Republicans not held the majority in Congress for those few years, there would have been no welfare reform.*

“I've seen it in Washington, where 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 the hands of terrorists.”

*Obama's work "across party lines" was a unanimous voice vote of Senators in both parties on a nuclear proliferations measure. Obama never crosses party lines. Republicans in the Illinois State Senate understood that with Obama, it was always his way or the highway. Obama was known for his elitist "know it all" attitude. He has the most liberal voting record in the Senate – when he bothers to show up and vote. Obama's campaign coffers are full of contributions from lobbyists. They also include countless illegal contributions from the Middle East (including Palestinians in the Gaza Strip) which he has not returned – despite having said that he would.*

*Show of hands, please: How many agree with MSNBC's comment that this was "not a speech... it was a symphony"?*

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