

## **ELITES PREPARE TO SPIN THE 2010 ELECTION**

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Another vintage liberal whine is about to be uncorked. Brace yourselves for a wave of rationalizations and excuse-making, as the media and other liberal elites try to explain away the whuppin' Obama and the Democrats are about to get – slaughter at the ballot box.

The party in the White House usually suffers modest mid-term losses. But this election could be a repeat of 1994, when Republicans picked up 53 House seats and took control of both the House and Senate. Whether or not that happens (a GOP majority in the House is virtually certain; the Senate is more problematical), on November 3, the talking-heads will be spinning like Linda Blair in “The Exorcist.”

To admit that the president and his party were decisively rejected due to their agenda would call the whole liberal worldview into question. (“You mean people don't like being treated like children? Next you'll me they'd rather spend their money themselves.”)

Here are some of the lame excuses the Democrats' whine-stewards are about to serve.

**Republicans bought the election** – The Democrats plaintive cry toward the end of the campaign: We're being overwhelmed by mystery money. “Everything was going great and all of a sudden secret money from God knows where – because they won't disclose it – is pouring in,” Nancy Pelosi lamented.

Princess Botox was referring to independent spending by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. But the Supreme Court – that body which Democrats revere above all others -- says independent-expenditure campaigns, left and right, don't have to disclose their donors. Pelosi and company would love the names to be made public, so the president could sic his ACORN goon squads on them.

In the Chamber's case, the White House concocted this weird conspiracy theory: Because some Chamber members are foreign corporations doing business in the United States, the election was being influenced by “foreign money.”

What about 2008, when illegal overseas contributions flowed into the Obama campaign, like \$33,000 from Hamas-infested Gaza? The president's campaign claimed it was for the sale of “Obama for President” t-shirts (hot items in Gaza City) -- or was that cocktail napkins?

Even with independent expenditures, the two parties spent about the same on House and Senate races this year.

According to *The New York Times* (October 26), Democratic Congressional candidates outspent Republicans by about 30% (\$119 million to \$79 million). Ah, but 80% of third-party spending (independent expenditures) went to Republicans – “\$60 million into competitive races since July” – the paper disclosed. But if you add the two together, Democrats still retain a slight edge (\$131 million to \$127 million), by the establishment’s own estimate.

Being Marxists at heart, liberals believe everything is economically determined, including elections. They’re also hypocrites – decrying campaign contributions while they rake it in with both hands (from big labor, big business, Hollywood and billionaires like George Soros and Ted Turner).

And what was the support of their media cadre worth to the Democrats in this election year? Most political reporting is political advertising for liberal candidates.

**The 2010 election was driven by anger and fear** – Supposedly, the Tea Parties turned Middle Americans into zombies roaming the streets with outstretched arms, looking for Democrats to devour. “In Colorado, Voters Voice Uncertainty and Anger,” read an October 24 headline in (where else) *The New York Times*. Vinegar Joe Biden implored a campus crowd not to allow Republicans to turn the election into “a referendum on the people’s anxiety or anger.”

Something the Democrats wouldn’t dream of doing -- as when the President told an Hispanic audience that they should “punish” their “enemies” (Republicans) and “reward” their “friends” (Democrats). What’s the natural response to an enemy? Anger and fear.

Obama is following the NAACP’s playbook. Starting at their national convention, the race-hustlers attacked Tea Party activists (widely associated with the GOP) as racist degenerates channeling Bull Connors. Clearly, these were appeals to objectivity and sober deliberation, rather than “anxiety or anger.”

**Voters are stupid** – How did the sophisticated and well-informed electorate that put Obama in office and gave the Democrats super-majorities in both houses of Congress in 2008, become a special-ed class in two short years?

In September, Sen. John (rich-guy middle name) Kerry, sneered: “We have an electorate that doesn’t always pay that much attention to what’s going on, so people are influenced by a simple slogan, rather than the facts or the truth or what’s happening.” Well, excuse me, Senator, but most of us work for a living. We’re not getting \$174,000 a year (plus perks) to vote for legislation we haven’t read. Still, Kerry pays enough attention to his personal finances to marry a widow worth at least \$1 billion.

As the campaign progressed, and his party’s hopes faded, Kerry went from condescension to hysteria -- The GOP and conservative talk-show hosts are ushering in a “period of know-nothingism.”

“It’s absurd. We’ve lost our minds,” Massachusetts’ senior Senator coolly observed. “We’re in a period of know-nothingism in the country, where truth and science and facts don’t weigh in. It’s all short-order, lowest common denominator, cheap-seat politics.”

Obama agrees: “Part of the reason that our politics seem so tough right now (*read: I’m losing big-time*) and facts and science and argument do not seem to be winning ... is because we’re hardwired not to always think clearly when we’re scared.”

Quite the contrary. As Samuel Johnson observed, “The prospect of hanging in the morning concentrates the mind wonderfully.” Let’s see, under the current administration, the unemployment rate has been above 9% for 17 consecutive months – despite trillions in stimulus spending which we were assured would pave the road to a community organizer’s paradise. What happened to the “summer of recovery” anyway?

In two years, Obama added \$2.7 trillion to the national debt, compared to the \$4 trillion Bush piled up in 8 years. Obama Care will lead to the rationing of medical services, more costly health insurance for the middle class and a deepening recession. The president is moving to nationalize whole sectors of the economy (the auto industry, finance and health care for starters), and increase the tax burden, and we’re supposed to greet the future with a smile on our lips and a song in our hearts?

Obama epitomizes elitist disdain for Joe Average, reflected in his bitter-clinger comments at a San Francisco cocktail party (not quite the neighborhood bar) in the 2008 campaign. In economic hard times, the man with a common touch opined, Main Street Americans cling to guns, religion and “antipathy to people who aren’t like them.” Why else anyone would be serious about religion, for heavens sake?

So, in case you missed the point, when the Democrats win, as they did in 2008, reason, logic, science, and the facts prevail. When they lose, anger, fear and ignorance carry the day.

**It was an ugly campaign, and Republicans delivered dirt by the truckload –** Oh, you mean like Jack Conway, Democratic Senate candidate in Kentucky, who claimed his Republican opponent (pro-lifer Rand Paul) as a college kid tied a woman to a chair and, in the words of a Conway ad, told her “to bow down before his false idol and say his God was Aqua Buddha” – part of the Aqua Velva pantheon? Only Democratic candidates are allowed to question their opponents’ religious convictions.

In Delaware, Democrats constantly reminded voters that Christine O’Donnell, now a traditional Catholic, once said she dabbled in witchcraft in high school. (I once dabbled in libertarianism in college. Does that disqualify me from holding public office? I certainly hope so.) In discussing this smear, be sure to clearly enunciate the word “witch,” otherwise they’ll think you’re talking about Hillary Clinton.

If the campaign had gone on any longer, their opponents would have claimed Paul and O'Donnell spent 19 years sitting in a church whose minister preached racism, Marxism and hatred of America.

In a Massachusetts Congressional race, Jeff Perry's opponent claimed the Republican was a child-molester by proxy – stood by while a teen-aged girl was strip-searched. As *The Boston Herald* put it in an editorial endorsement of Perry, “During the campaign Perry has also been dogged by two-decade-old allegations about what he may or may not have seen or heard as a Wareham police officer one night.” *The Herald* then put the charge in context – “That this has even become an issue is indicative of the desperation of Democrats to hold the seat.”

In Florida's 22<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, incumbent Rep. Ron Klein claimed retired Lt. Col. Allen West, who served his country gallantly in Afghanistan, was a member of a motorcycle club affiliated with the Outlaws, investigated by the Justice Department for criminal activity. (The Outlaws should claim they're members of the New Black Panther Party engaged in voter-intimidation. Then the investigation would go no further.) It turns out there's no association between the two groups, most of the members of the local are Vietnam veterans, and Klein appeared at an event with the same bikers.

When he was president, Bill Clinton complained about “the politics of personal destruction” – in his case, that Republicans engaged in character assassination by charging that he lied under oath – which was A) true and B) a felony. A Democrat coined the term. Democrats exemplify the tactic.

**Reality check --** This election will be a referendum on the president's policies, which are overwhelmingly rejected by the American people. An October 23 Rasmussen poll showed 53% of likely voters want Obama Care repealed – not amended, not modified, but repealed outright, versus 43% who support it.

In another survey, 64% of voters said the country is headed in the wrong direction – and that was the highest level of optimism since mid-March. In a Gallup poll, 21% of Americans said they were “satisfied with the way things are going in the United States.”

Another Rasmussen poll, taken in late October, showed 75% of likely voters think a free-market economy is better than one managed by government. Also, 58% believe increased competition rather than increased regulation is the way to hold big business accountable, while 34% are qualified to serve in the Obama administration.

On October 25, Harris (a Democratic pollster, mind) released a survey that showed 67% of Americans have a negative view of the president's performance in office. Of independents, 70% agree, as do 34% of Democrats.

The scoundrels lost, before the ballots are even counted. Their worldview (Marxism-Obamaism) has been soundly rejected. That ideology has blinded them to reality bodes well for 2012.