

## Won't Republican Ideologies Ever Recant? Opinion Piece by Lou Mincer

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Let's backtrack a bit in an attempt to recapture a smattering of Dalymphes pontifications covering the political spectrum. Mr. D's fulminations in his letter to the Editor commentary, April 2, -08 featured in the Curry County Reporter, describe himself as an advocate of Republican virtue, whose mission is to blaspheme the misguided scatterbrained Democrats.

The image he wishes to portray of the GOP is one of purity and light and fiscal conservatism, compared to those "tax and spend liberals." These worn out slogans are worthless commodities, no longer used in maligning one's political opponents. People are tired of these old clichés. The days of fantasy have turned to hard reality. Furthermore, eight years of Republican "fiscal policy" has been a financial disaster.

But let's get to the crux of D's, tirades. Therein resides a monumental decision that will determine America's future, or of lack thereof. The Presidential Election "Obama versus McCain". By the people's choice, we can either go forward with our experiment in Democracy or become mired in the plutocracy that Bush, Cheney and Rove, amongst others wearing the neoconservative stripe, have striven for.

No one is infallible, whatever their station in life. Dalymple, obsessed by party affiliation, has lost sight of that truism since impugning his adversary, the democrats, appears to be his forte.

No matter what position a person is empowered with, that individual bears the human trait of imperfection. Life, being fraught with unforeseen pitfalls, can become very disruptive. McCain's internment in Viet Nam is a graphic example, the abuse, both mental and physical, having a most profound and progressive impact on his health as he ages. Today he bears the aftermath of his incarceration.

A recent document titled: McCain's Aches and Pains by Terry J. Allen, revealed an "aging man on numerous drugs for a panoply of age appropriate ailments. Hydrochlorothiazide for kidneys, Simvastatin for high cholesterol, occasional Ambien CR for sleeplessness, aspirin to prevent blood clots and Zyrtec and Claritin for allergies. The Amiloride he takes to preserve potassium in the blood and lowers blood pressure, which is still higher than normal (134 over 84). Possible side effects include kidney damage, impotence, fast or uneven heartbeat."

"Occasional dizziness is one of the ailments McCain has suffered along with degenerative arthritis; signs of diverticulitis, an inflammation of the colon, kidney and bladder stones and benign cysts in both kidneys. He smoked two packs of cigarettes daily for 25 years before quitting. McCain has undergone at least half a dozen surgeries for skin cancer also a prostrate procedure called 'transurethral resection', removal of kidney and bladder stones and of potentially cancerous colon polyps. He has had a lens implant in one eye and mild to moderate hearing loss."

These medical records were a one time release of 1500 pages with a few handpicked select news outlets.

Let's, for a second, review McCain's inner circle of campaign facilitators who are supervising John's tactical strategy. They have termed this group of K Street gunslingers Rovians. The reason being, Karl Rove is the kingpin, who has chosen almost every assistant for McCain's "Straight Talk Express" to package McCain as the chosen one.

Who, indeed, are Roves' rogues? Steve Schmidt, known as intense and hard hitting, is one of Karl's key henchmen. He has run Bush's campaign war room, served as counselor and spokesman for Dick Cheney, been Rove's point man on the battles to put Sam Alito and John Roberts on the Supreme Court and has been a member of Rove's exclusive "breakfast club" that plotted the White House political attacks.

Next, Rove operative Nicolle Wallace, who was communications director in Bush's 2004 run for the presidency, has been brought in to travel with McCain and keep him on message. Another Rovian, Greg Jenkins, was added last month to try to add some pizzazz to McCain's campaign events. He's a former Fox News producer and advance man for Bush.

Meanwhile, the swift boat slime crew that Rove orchestrated in '04 to trash Kerry is back this year in the guise of a group calling itself "Vets for Freedom." Pretending to be independent of the McCain Campaign, it's already running attack ads on Obama on Iraq. Far from being independent, its founder is a member of a McCain leadership team and its line of attack directly mirrors that of the campaign.

So, it becomes apparent we have McCain in Bush clothing, allowing for further degradation of all this nation and its people stand against, if McCain ascends the throne. The gist gathered from such factual information leaves no room for inferences insofar as recognizing that McCain is but another figurehead, a puppet with strings to guide his movements and articulate his words.

The corporate empire would be ecstatic if you voted McCain. Gas prices would spurt again; more years of misery and death ensuing from the Iraq war; food and health care becoming a luxury.

A vast conspiracy is afoot wherein the information medias owned by a handful of 6 major corporations whose moguls are moving at warp speed to discredit, belittle and impugn Obama's reputation, hoping voters will be blindsighted by these tissues of lies and prevarications. If Republicans succeed in this deception, our chances of reverting back to a constitutionally constituted republic will be forever gone.

The Republican Party has displayed, through their duplicity, that they no longer represent the people, or, for that matter, a democratic form of government. The Bush administration has treated Americans with utter contempt. McCain will not, under any circumstances, correct the inequities we are encumbered with.

The preponderance of tax money will still be diverted to fuel the Iraq war, the pentagon and aristocrats, and no doubt new wars will flare like wildfire, bankrupting a nation already the greatest debtor nation in the world. We are living in a nightmarish world as of now. Let's not make it a permanent one by exchanging one imperialist, Bush, for another, McCain. They both bear the same colors.

Republicans were instrumental in winning the primary election for Obama. A ploy to eliminate Hillary. During the primary run Obama was given high praise by both the press and Republicans. Nary a harsh word racist or otherwise was uttered. But once the nominee, those same Republicans came after him, flailing with hammers and thongs.

How can anyone amongst us, regardless of our political leaning, stomach such tawdry tactics and still have a vestige of respect for the perpetrators (or the man they front for), aspiring for the oval office.

Republicans will now resort to the timeworn maneuver of eclipsing Obama from public view. His visibility will be quarantined while McCain will be featured like the coming of the Messiah. The Powers that be are in a position to remove anyone from screen or publication — which still leaves the Internet and the millions of on liners who revere Obama. He has the potential and charisma of leading this nation out of the morass we are embedded in.

And, oh yes, for you Seniors to mull over, McCain has unequivocally indicated his support for partially privatizing Social Security. Why don't they just come right out and say it? "We want to end Social Security, the last great entitlement program, once and for all!" Also, he has embraced Bush's tax cuts for corporations by further slashing their tax. The 8/12/08 World, featured an article titled: New Study Shows Corporations Are Not Paying Federal Taxes -- 2/3 Have Paid No Taxes.