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ELECTION 2008: TWO DAYS OUT:

A new wave of activism

How a flood of volunteers for the presidential campaign of Sen. Barack Obama could shift Nevada's balance of power from gaming interests to a group of highly trained liberal activists.



Sam Morris

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama makes his final campaign visit to Nevada on Saturday at a rally at Coronado High School in Henderson. He urged thousands of the faithful to keep knocking on doors, keep making phone calls and to vote.

By [J. Patrick Coolican](#), [Michael Mishak](#)

Sun, Nov 2, 2008 (2 a.m.)

The old saying in Nevada is that we don't have two political parties, we have one party — the Gaming Party.

Here are the corollaries:

- People move to Nevada for jobs, and to be left alone.
- All the political and economic power rests on the Strip and with its paid political operatives and lobbyists.

For the most part, with the exception of some labor unions and a smattering of small do-gooder groups, the rest of the state mostly gawks like spectators at the governing process — and if your kid's school isn't good or you're afraid to go to the local hospital because it's substandard, well, what are you gonna do?

Nevada has long ranked in the bottom 10 of states in voter participation, let alone civic activism.

But that appears to be changing, quickly. The Silver State's central role in this presidential election could fundamentally reshape the ways in which Nevadans view their community and what they can do to change it, say local activists, Nevada historians and political scientists.

Here's why: The long campaign leading to the January presidential caucus culminated with a surprising turnout of more than 100,000 Democrats, which was followed by a general election campaign that has moved thousands of Democrats to volunteer for the presidential campaign of Sen. Barack Obama.

The result: The state is for the first time home to thousands of energetic liberal activists well trained in sophisticated techniques of political and community organizing.

Here's one metric: More than 257,000 Nevadans registered to vote this year.

Nearly half of them registered as Democrats, with the rest essentially splitting between Republicans and independents. Nearly 40 percent of new registrants were 18 to 29 years old.

This change appears to be one-sided, with state Republicans finding themselves in a funk, out-organized and laboring under the suspect leadership of Republican Gov. Jim Gibbons. A recent visit by Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin showed that Nevada Republicans have caught some of the politics excitement, but it's the state's left-leaning elements who are most dreamy about a new future.

The awakened activists could create a sphere of influence off the Strip, one with its own agenda and the ability to force politicians — through the ballot box — to act.

"It does create a new power center, and it's been an emerging one," said Launce Rake, a spokesman for the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, which would seem to be a beneficiary of the new crop of political talent. Rake said this development is most evident among Nevada's youngest residents and in the Hispanic community.

Nevada historian Mike Green, a Democrat, said this would be a new development.

"Activists in Nevada have tended to be discouraged by the power of whatever group dominates the state, whether it was mining then or gaming now," Green said.

Civic participation in Las Vegas has always been an uphill battle.

The 24-hour culture, for one, works against it, Green said. And the state's primary industries — gaming and mining — have "never been associated with civic awareness," he said.

Also, older cities, such as Obama's own Chicago, have political cultures that have grown around cultural and political institutions over time. But because "Las Vegas has grown so incredibly fast, not just in terms of space, but in terms of time, it's even harder for the institutions at the center to keep up," Green said.

Eric Herzik, a University of Nevada, Reno, political scientist and expert in interest group politics, said he can foresee the new activism leading to "some maturation of interest group politics, where it's not just elite interests, but grass roots interest groups."

By elite interests, Herzik means the Strip. And the Culinary Union, which, though on the other side of the bargaining table from big gaming companies during contract negotiations, carries the industry's political water in Carson City and elsewhere in the interim.

Dave Damore, a UNLV political scientist, said the new activists are rising just at a moment when powerful players, including developers, are in a steep decline following the real estate crash.

Herzik emphasized that it's not yet known whether the Obama corps will continue its activism or have lasting

influence.

And, he noted that an Obama loss could devastate his followers and send them back into the caves of apathy. Following the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy, the disastrous 1968 Democratic National Convention and victory of Richard M. Nixon, millions of Americans walked away from politics, some never to return.

Still, if Obama wins Tuesday, and especially if Nevada continues to play a key role in presidential politics, the state's political culture could be transformed, said Christopher C. Hull, an adjunct professor at Georgetown University who's written a book about how the Iowa caucus has changed that state's politics.

In Iowa, the caucus process, with its requirements of strong commitment and retail politics, inspires both voters and activists to raise their expectations of both politicians and the political process, Hull said.

Imagine that the new Nevada activists start showing up at public meetings and demanding better bus service in their neighborhoods. They arrive at Clark County Commission meetings to question rate hikes by the trash monopoly Republic Services. They organize a caravan to Carson City to protest budget cuts.

"You could get a wider spectrum of people showing up at a council meeting asking about roads. Before, it was an (elite) interest group, a gadfly ...," Herzik said.

Another effect: Among the neophyte activists — now trained in political organizing and coalition building — could arise a new crop of political candidates, arriving on the scene just as term-limits take effect for the first time and begin booting out officeholders.

Even before they attain elective office, the Obama corps could force the Democratic Party and its elected officeholders to push their policy agenda and create real distinctions with the current policies of Gov. Jim Gibbons, who is slashing spending for services while refusing to raise taxes. After all, these activists are responsible for Democrats now outnumbering Republicans by 100,000 statewide.

Margaret O'Mara, a University of Washington historian of the West and its emerging urbanism, offered a caveat: Change is gradual. Cities with thriving activist communities today, such as San Francisco and Seattle, were considered "out of control and aesthetically ugly" a century ago, not unlike Las Vegas is today, O'Mara said.

"It's like a fine wine," she said. "You have to let it mature."

And, the development will depend on strong leadership and the ability of local organizations to "internalize these tactics to sustain interest in the electorate," O'Mara said.

This movement to politicize a community needn't have a leftward tilt, O'Mara noted.

She pointed to Orange County in Southern California in the early 1960s as an instructive model. "It was another place, like Las Vegas, where people said, 'There's no there there,'" she said.

The constellation of suburbs became the cradle of conservatism, though, as residents rallied around Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater, the 1964 Republican presidential nominee, and organized through churches and groups such as the John Birch Society.

Herzik noted that the success of the grass-roots political movement relied largely on its persistence and ability to trudge on after losses, including Goldwater's.

"The pressure is on Democrats and Obama to continue this engagement," Herzik said.

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Discussion: 61 comments so far...By [joinamerica](#)

11/2/08 at 4:15 a.m.

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I am always pleased to see a high turnout of interested and well informed voters. If only that were the case in this election.

I am a college science professor who after listening to my students' excitement about Obama for most of the semester, finally gave them a test. Page 1 included a question about who they favored for the presidency and questions requiring a rating of various characteristics from one to ten. Pages 2 and 3 asked softball fill in the blank questions about their candidate's accomplishments and positions on various issues.

Needless to say, almost all of the students chose Obama, and gave him ratings of 10 in all of the categories on page 1. But pages 2 and 3 were left entirely blank by every student in the class except one, who chose John McCain and actually knew several facts about McCain's positions on issues.

Put this together with the one million illegal votes that ACORN is expected to deliver nationwide for Obama and God save America on November 4th.

And frankly, watching these massive rallies with hysterical attendees and listening to Obama's vague and shifting promises of Utopia (especially when contrasted with his true character) is reminiscent of a modern day pied piper and most certainly a wolf in sheep's clothing.

America, beware.

By [johnevegas](#)

11/2/08 at 4:44 a.m.

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Everyone remember to set your clocks back!

Democrats go back one hour. Republicans, set yours to 1953.

By [emperorjoe](#)

11/2/08 at 4:48 a.m.

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Obama is the perfect Vegas candidate...all flash and no substance. A generation that focuses on celebrity and bling has found it's god.

By [johnevegas](#)

11/2/08 at 4:55 a.m.

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joinamerica - You posted a fake letter. A really impotent one too. Any half-wit can see right through it.

Are you a even real person? Try having at least a little respect for the readers here. This is a comments section, not the propoganda section. See the heading above all these words that says "Comments"? That's how you can tell.

By [ksiffermann](#)

11/2/08 at 5:24 a.m.

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Joinamerica, Thank you for being one of the bright consevative teachers who teach about earning your way to a better America. It's sad we have all these childeren who are looking for a handout from the government. So many think the Messiah will change their life. But

after the 4th Barack will more than likely win, then all of these liberals will go back to their miserable lives. What will the complain about then?

By [johnevegas](#)

11/2/08 at 5:42 a.m.

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ksiffermann, Thank you for being one of the bright conservative posters who teach about manipulating your way to a better America. It's sad we have all these conservatives who are looking for a handout from the government. So many thought that Bush would change their lives. But after the 4th Barack will win, then all of these conservative bone heads will go back to their miserable lives. What will the(y) complain about then? Probably everything. Get a life joinamerica, we can all see right through your cut and paste job.

By [ksiffermann](#)

11/2/08 at 5:51 a.m.

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Hey Johnvegas...What's wrong? Didn't you get a chance to kick your dog today?

By [local](#)

11/2/08 at 6:11 a.m.

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It's about time that people here got involved in something besides poker tournaments and drinking. Since its founding, there has been no "here" here and I am optimistic that at last people may actually care about something like an election, schools, and their community. Take a stand, vote. I have no comment on who I think you should vote for - just vote; it's important.

By [johnevegas](#)

11/2/08 at 6:14 a.m.

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Hey ksiffermann, I have a ferret. But thanks for telling us all about how you treat animals. What's the matter? Don't like when somebody points our that you are fake?

By [PatriciaLV](#)

11/2/08 at 7:18 a.m.

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joinamerica, if you really ARE "a college science professor", then you are WILLFULLY ignorant and/or uninformed.

You can string together grammatically correct sentences and have apparently mastered the use of the paragraph, both of which put you miles above your brethren (sp?) on these boards.

But it doesn't make you correct or knowledgeable.

ksiffermann, your posts read just like every other sheep's posts. At least try to be original instead of an almost exact C&P. Sheesh.

By [PatriciaLV](#)

11/2/08 at 7:20 a.m.

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Oh BTW, joinamerica; if you really are "a college science professor", why were you wasting money "testing" your students on something that one assumes ISN'T in your particular field of expertise or in your curriculum?

Unless your field of expertise is poli-sci. Talk about a wolf in sheep's clothing. LOL.

By [cnev](#)

11/2/08 at 7:24 a.m.

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I think the level of involvement is very exciting!

Americans have been energized and are participating! It is what our democratic process is all about!

I am sure our Founding Fathers felt just as passionate about the direction of the country at that time.

All sides are galvanized! It's awesome!

By [Sunvisitor](#)

11/2/08 at 7:34 a.m.

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I am thrilled that so many people have become active in this election. Even if college professor joinamerica is actually a college professor his small sample is statistically inaccurate and IF he were a college science professor he would know that. There are many people who vote the party line and I wished they'd read and learn more but I certainly don't begrudge them their vote.

By [dave202](#)

11/2/08 at 8:18 a.m.

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When Obama's promises turn out to be empty and the "hope" he says he brings turns out to be despair, these people will be turned off to politics for good. And good riddance because any intelligent objective person knows that Obama is an empty suit.

My only concern is will we survive his administration.

By [johnevegas](#)

11/2/08 at 8:29 a.m.

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"My only concern is will we survive his administration."

Funny. That's how I felt about Bush. So I see your point.

Except this one..."...any intelligent objective person knows that Obama is an empty suit."

Seems the majority of intelligent objective people think you are bad judge of character. I agree with them, and I think you suck at losing too. But you know what they say, Pobres

bebes. Lo siento mucho por usted!

By [LT2LV](#)

11/2/08 at 8:35 a.m.

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Why would a science professor give his students a test better suited for a political studies class? Were they graded on this test? Will that grade affect their overall scores? If so, that means that a test on a subject that the professor doesn't teach could affect his students' grade point avg. Sounds like a lot of BS (or in McPalin's case, MooseSh...) to me.

And I can't wait for Mickey Mouse and the Denver Broncos to show up to vote! Acorn registered them so I guess they will show up to the polls, right?

By [Gordon](#)

11/2/08 at 8:36 a.m.

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When Obama's promises turn out to be truths that lift the nation, then the Neocon movement will finally be dead. And good riddance because any intelligent objective person knows Neocons are responsible for the last 8 years.

By [notacon](#)

11/2/08 at 8:45 a.m.

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I totally agree Gordon,
I can hear the fat lady warming up for a song!

By [SunReader2009](#)

11/2/08 at 9:09 a.m.

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If we love our country, the clear choice is Sen Obama. Sen McCain would continue the failed economic policy of President Bush - Cutting taxes and redistribute income to millionaires and largest corps with his trickle-down policy. The warning signs are there. McCain is ignorant about economics, believes in no regulations for financial firms (McCain was one of the Keating five senators tainted in the 1985 S&L crisis, and helped Sen Phil Gramm in recent years to deregulate financial firms that causes current financial crisis), flip-flops in tax cut, lacks sound judgement, lacks sound economic policy. Palin abused power, helped Ted Stevens in getting pork for Alaska, censored library books, hired unqualified friends and relatives, inexperience, played dirty politics (called herself: Pitbull with lipstick.)

By [youshudknow](#)

11/2/08 at 9:12 a.m.

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Hispanic voters, please read:
Whether your are pro-abortion or not, it's important to note that Obama is in favor of late term abortions. That means the baby is taken from the mother in the 5th or 6th month. As is comes out of the birth canal, the baby's head is punctured and the baby sometimes has to be cut into pieces. This is cruel and inhumane and the fact that Obama favors this should be of great concern about the man.

By [LVGlads](#)

11/2/08 at 9:15 a.m.

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"How a flood of volunteers for the presidential campaign of Sen. Barack Obama could shift Nevada's balance of power from gaming interests to a group of highly trained liberal activists."

Do Coolican and Mishak even live in Nevada? How can they be so ignorant? NV has been and will always be run by gaming interests, period.

By [gmag39](#)

11/2/08 at 9:45 a.m.

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youshouldknow... youshouldknowbetterthanthat.
shameonyou.
joinamerica is a spammer who appears with his lies all over the place. Paid to pander.
Probably will vote for Obama.
dave202, try to smile. It helps when you are sad and grumpy. Big smile!!! Nice!

By [gqbossing](#)

11/2/08 at 9:59 a.m.

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Funny how Obama fans attack the person writing the comment rather than debating the content of the comment.

Listen, I was on the fence here too, and chose McCain after a lot of research. I think both guys are qualified to be President, and the scandals and conspiracy theories are a bunch of hoey.

I chose McCain because he understands government's role is to get out of the way, that taking care of yourself (unless you are mentally or physically challenged or a child) is your responsibility, not a right the government will institutionalize.

Obama promises things well out of his control (so does McCain to some degree) and is selling that vision that government is going to make your life better. For all the young people out there and those struggling I can understand your feelings for Obama with his sales job; he's a good salesman. What I would challenge is that government is one of the worst businesses in the world, and nothing in life is just given to you, there will be a sacrifice.

Please take out the emotion and attacking the person, constructive comments are the only way to have an intelligent conversation. Whether you choose McCain or Obama I think you will be fine, the candidates aren't as far apart as you might think they are on most issues...

By [Sunvisitor](#)

11/2/08 at 10:08 a.m.

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And I chose Obama because he is intelligent, articulate, experienced and educated. He understands the Constitution and the economy has proven to me he'll be an excellent president. And you should know if you pay attention you'll see the Obama opposes late term abortions but even if he didn't he won't be deciding the abortion issue - he'll be trying to get this country back on the right track.

McCain has abandoned his principals and made a very bad choice for VP and pandered to the evangelical right. I prefer that the religious right stay in church and out of my personal life.

So Obama it is. For me. And I'm sure gqbossing that you are a thinking, rational person and I respect your right to vote McCain. And I won't be leaving the country if he happens to win.

By [PatriciaLV](#)

11/2/08 at 10:36 a.m.

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gqbossing:

You are the ONLY McCain supporter I've seen on these boards who has actually expressed SUPPORT for him.

The rest have done nothing but attack Obama. And ALL of them have used the same tired, long-discredited talking points.

We've debunked the talking points over and over and over again. But STILL they parrot them.

So what's left?

By [johnevegas](#)

11/2/08 at 10:55 a.m.

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youshudknow - "Whether your are pro-abortion or not, it's important to note that Obama is in favor of late term abortions."

I think the offset for me, youshudknow, is that Obama is less in favor of shooting people later in life for having political differences, as is the McCain preference. You know, like g--ks, and other people he hates.

Get real. It's give and take. Stop being a creep!

By [LT2LV](#)

11/2/08 at 11:37 a.m.

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Late term abortions are only performed in cases where the fetus is so badly damaged that it would not survive outside the womb anyway and/or it is endangering the life of the mother. Even in many cases where the mother's health is in danger, if the fetus is healthy (which it usually isn't), an emergency c-section is performed, thereby saving both mother and baby. It's not like a woman can carry a fetus for 7 months and then decide one day she doesn't want it anymore and get an abortion.

I find it ironic how so many of the same people who are so dead set against abortion are staunchly pro-war. Bring'em into the world just to send them to a horrible death 18 years later.

By [jfnance32](#)

11/2/08 at 11:44 a.m.

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"Late term abortions are only performed in cases where the fetus is so badly damaged that it would not survive outside the womb anyway and/or it is endangering the life of the mother"

This is the biggest horseshxt every told.

Torres, Aida and Forrest, Jacqueline Darroch. (1988). Why Do Women Have Abortions. Family Planning Perspectives, 20 (4), 169-176. Retrieved April 19, 2007.

Here are the main excuses for having late term abortions.

Very little of it deals with the health of the baby or the mother.

The extreme pro-abortion supporters on the left, including Hussein, want to include the mental health of the women as an excused to kill a baby that is nearly ready to be born.

If the mother is "sad" then it is a mental health reason to kill the baby.

71% Woman didn't recognize she was pregnant or misjudged gestation

48% Woman found it hard to make arrangements for abortion

33% Woman was afraid to tell her partner or parents

24% Woman took time to decide to have an abortion

By [morgen](#)

11/2/08 at 12:07 p.m.

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joinamerica: I am a college professor as well, and it is embarrassing that you're wasting your class time to conduct "studies" like the one described, just to have a justifying argument for your political choices. Teach them science, leave politics out of the classroom.

By [jfnance32](#)

11/2/08 at 12:24 p.m.

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"You are the ONLY McCain supporter I've seen on these boards who has actually expressed SUPPORT for him. The rest have done nothing but attack Obama" From PatriciaLV
PatriciaLV has rarely makes postive points about anything much less for Obama.

It is like the pot calling the kettle black.
Basically, she just attacks personally the bloggers.
She rarely makes any points of substance.

By [gqbossing](#)

11/2/08 at 12:30 p.m.

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Obama is a smart intellectual guy for sure, all democrats since Dukakis have been. The constution doesn't include rights for healthcare, or taxation without representation; which Obama wants to cross. I see that issue as along the same lines as religion, but both unfortunately are front line topics. Really, we can all make up viewpoints to say one person is going to wreck the constitution.

It's not that I believe Obama will do a decided poor job should he win, I just feel his fundamental belief that America should be a parent figure and encourage people not to work hard with intuitional welfare increases is wrong. I also don't bye that the tax level for breaks/increases will be in the \$200 and \$250 range for individuals, more like \$50K individual/\$100K family range. That's about where it's been (adjusted for inflation) the past 30 years. I don't have a problem paying more taxes, but I want it to be for something which is necessary. I came from a very poor family, and watching people use the system (including some family members) tells me we need to stress responsibility of individuals, not change things not in the constitution rights. The bills of rights doesn't talk about any of this hooey.

By [gqbossing](#)

11/2/08 at 12:31 p.m.

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cont...

If you are an Obama supporter I respect you, but less not forget McCain has been an ethical congressman since the Reagan era (the S&L thing was political posturing at best), offered his life for this country; sacrificed more than most living people in the US today, wants to keep the American dream of pulling yourself up by the bootstraps alive, and contrary to some TV ads, is not Bush other than party. Anyone who does any research would know that undoubtably. He lost the nomination in 2000 to Bush who was a freshman Governor of Texas because he wouldn't give concessions to the Republican party and didn't talk to him until 911 because he felt he was a less than honorable person. He was right on the war. In 2008 he won the nomination partly because of this, and mostly because he's a caring, intelligent and honest guy. I feel he will select a better cabinet and have a better idea how to handle world issues.

Obama is not a bad guy either. He came from a deprived family situation and broken home and interracial up-bringing in a racist world. His mother was a sucker for foreign men and shipped him across the world as a child without much regard for the children she chose to conceive, and his life story is the very example for which McCain is trying to protect. He's done things which might not have been squeaky clean to get where he is in politics, but I think we can say that's 100% across the board. Even Biden says he will be advising him daily on world issues; not something I particularly want to hear (not a Biden fan at all nor a Palin one by the way). Listening to Obama too I get the sense he is angry at the way his mother was treated by her insurance provider and his intuitionalist ideas of healthcare and public entities comes from this which isn't what I want to see.

I get a little concerned by all the negativity, I just hope most people can see past this and look at this from a logical perspective.

By [johnevegas](#)

11/2/08 at 12:33 p.m.

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nance "This is the biggest horseshxt every told."

Actually nance, I'm pretty sure at least two or three of your posts are in the running for that title.

You are so good with numbers, perhaps you can enlighten us. How many people have been murdered in Iraq to protect us from Saddam's WMD? And how many WMDs did we find? I lost count.

Now I say "murdered" versus "killed" because I believe, and now history has shown, that we were lied to about those WMD, and so was the world. Let's call it... oh... the biggest horseshxt ever told. That makes the war a crime and Bush a criminal.

I also say "murdered" versus "killed" because your anti-choice brigade always likes to use the most extreme examples of abortion to make their points. Lets call it, tit for tat.

I await your horseshxt response with heightened anticipation.

By [jfnance32](#)

11/2/08 at 12:50 p.m.

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JohnVegas...."Now I say "murdered" versus "killed" because I believe, and now history has shown, that we were lied to about those WMD"

So you are calling the Marines, Air Force, Navy and Army...murders?

I guess you are calling Bill Clinton a murderer, too, for his adminstration said that Hussein (not the Obama one) had WMD's right up to the end of his adminstration.

Was Clinton lying about WMD's being in Iraq?

Clinton ordered attacks on Iraq and cited WMD factories as the reason. Is Clinton a criminal too?

I surely hope that you do reconized that Hussein at one time actually had WMD's.

By [LT2LV](#)

11/2/08 at 2:34 p.m.

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Of course jfnance would quote information from the NRLC, i.e., "National Right to Life". Because that's such an impartial source.

This is the reality behind late term abortions:

<http://www.boston.com/news/globe/magazin...>

Evil, huh?

By [ksiffermann](#)

11/2/08 at 3:20 p.m.

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John Vegas has a ferrett as a pet...That should say enough about him.

By [johnevegas](#)

11/2/08 at 3:20 p.m.

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Nance - Thanks for fulfilling my request for more of your horseshxt. None of the people you sited made the decision to invade or trumped up the lies, deputy dufus, and you didn't answer my question.

Oh, and that thing you said about Patricia? That's actually more of your material. I do not have that experience with her. Even neiman does it better than you do nance.

By [jfnance32](#)

11/2/08 at 3:36 p.m.

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LT2LV.....You are quoting a story just about one woman.

I quoted a source that comes from Planned Parenthood people and polling data that came from Planned Parenthood. The last I checked Planed Parenthood is not pro-life.

By [jfnance32](#)

11/2/08 at 3:39 p.m.

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JohnVegas....Thanks for accepting my points because you just ingore them.

Clinton order attacks on Iraq and he cited WMD's as the reason.

Clinton's adminstration said that there were WMD's in Iraq to the very end of his adminstration.

If you accuse Bush of making up WMD's then you have to also accuse Clinton of making up WMD's.

Also, you properly accepted the fact that Iraq once had WMD's.

By [johnevegas](#)

11/2/08 at 4:24 p.m.

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nance - None of them lied to invade a country. Sorry. BTW, how many WMDs and how many murdered was the question you ignored by concentrating on the part the pissed you off instead.

By [johnevegas](#)

11/2/08 at 4:27 p.m.

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ksiffermann - "John Vegas has a ferrett as a pet...That should say enough about him."

Still brooding because I outed your scam this morning, huh? Aw...that's so cute.

I have no idea what you mean by the ferret statement. But I'm hoping you will tell us. I can't wait to hear!

By [jfnance32](#)

11/2/08 at 4:35 p.m.

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JohnVegas.....I guess you accept the fact that if Bush made up WMD's then Clinton had, too. Clinton adminstration, Russia, France, British, Italty, Japan and Israeli all said that Saddam had WMDs.

Are they co-conspirators in Bush's grand plan?

I guess you want Tony Blair charged on criminal charges, too. He order British soliders to attack Iraq and even to this day MI6 says that Saddam was trying to buy nuclear material in Africa.

By [johnevegas](#)

11/2/08 at 4:42 p.m.

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Nance - I'm not going to endlessly debate your Sean Spunnity faux facts. It's a waste of time. You would never admit being incorrect anyway. As far as I can tell, you do not know how to be wrong. Why would anyone want to debate you? Consider anything thrown your way to be

rhetorical. There is little point in doing anything else.
P.S. I liked Tony until he was Bushwhacked.

By [PatriciaLV](#)

11/2/08 at 4:53 p.m.

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Did my duty debating the points, Jim. You, OTOH, ONLY parrott already-debunked right wing talking points.

I've said on numerous occasions that Obama wasn't my first choice but that I would vote for him. I've said on numerous occasions that I would not vote for McCain because eight years of right wing horse manure is quite enough.

You, OTOH, have NEVER ONCE stated why you support McCain.

Ergo, my posts to you simply attack this.

Sorry you can't handle the truth but if you actually get your "news" from Scammity, I have no sympathy for you at all.

By [johnevegas](#)

11/2/08 at 5:04 p.m.

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PatriciaLV "I've said on numerous occasions that Obama wasn't my first choice but that I would vote for him."

Same here. Natural progression.

1. Ron Paul
2. Hillary
3. Obama
4. McCain
5. Barr
6. Oscar Goodman
7. Justin Timberlake
8. Wayne Newton

Funny they think we view him as Messianic. Truly way off the mark. I've learned to actually like the guy since he became the choice. But Messiah? Come on, he's not John Stewart!

By [jfnance32](#)

11/2/08 at 5:15 p.m.

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Yes, the Bush lied crowd will never admit that if Bush lied than Clinton lied (plus almost many major countries), too.

They can never admit that their "lying" logic equal applies to both men.

By [jfnance32](#)

11/2/08 at 5:17 p.m.

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PatriciaLV.....most of what you do is attack other bloggers personally .

It is rarely of any substance.

By [NZBOB](#)

11/2/08 at 5:18 p.m.

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Hay Johnevegas who took care of the ferrett while you were in Harlem for your interview???

By [PatriciaLV](#)

11/2/08 at 5:19 p.m.

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Same here; the guy I wanted is too intelligent to run again. Can't say as I blame him. But the more I listen to Obama, the more he kind of reminds me of Al Gore not quite there, but close. Gore is a statesman first and foremost; not a politician. And that's what I like most about him. Obama leans more towards the political, but I'm more than willing to give him a chance.

My hubby is a Ron Paul guy. Ron Paul never really did it for me. Hillary didn't either; a little too DLC for my tastes but hands-down better than most.

I'm excited by the prospect of an Obama presidency. I'm truly excited to see that the US regains its standing on the world stage. Bush threw away (quite literally) every ounce of good will we had after 9/11.

I should say I hope we can regain that standing.

By [PatriciaLV](#)

11/2/08 at 5:20 p.m.

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Already explained, Jim. Too bad for you that you can't accept the truth.

By [johnevegas](#)

11/2/08 at 5:22 p.m.

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NZBOB "Hay Johnevegas who took care of the ferrett while you were in Harlem for your interview???"

It's "Hey", unless you mean the grainy one.

Bob? Are you drinking again?

By [jfnance32](#)

11/2/08 at 5:28 p.m.

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PatriciaLV< You never debunk anything using substance.

It is nearly always just personally attacking the other blogger.

By [NZBOB](#)

11/2/08 at 5:39 p.m.

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Sorry John the keys on the "OLD APPLE " stick .

By [redferret](#)

11/2/08 at 5:57 p.m.

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Hey, joinamerica, so you are a college professor and you run a small ad agency? I somehow don't think so, which university?

And yeah, wasting class time to do a survey like that, shameful. What are you a poli sci prof?

By [PatriciaLV](#)

11/2/08 at 7:56 p.m.

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Well, Jim, I have made many posts of substance. You are incapable of responding. I have debunked many of your "points". You have no comeback except to take my words and

attempt to make them your own by changing a word here and there. That's all ANY of you wingbots do, come to think of it.

I'm sorry you are incapable of rational, intelligent, adult conversation/debate (with one or two notable exceptions; I'm sure even you can remember which ones).

There is absolutely no point in repeatedly debunking the right wing talking points/horse manure any longer. You people are desperately clinging to an MO that hasn't worked in lo these past eight years.

And it's positively hilarious.

By [jfnance32](#)

11/2/08 at 8:07 p.m.

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Here are some of the PatriciaLV's posting of which they just attack the blogger and lack any agrument with substance:

+++++++Post 1

"How about focusing on the subject of the thread, neiman, instead of parroting already-debunked right wing nonsense?

Oh nevermind; that's all you have. Sorry.

But feel free to cite the Congressional Record on this one.

As to the article, is anyone surprised an "R" is now lying? Anyone? Anyone at all?

Bueller?

Bueller?"

+++++++Post 2

"Not to mention even fewer will vote for the right wing and we certainly can't have that.

An uneducated populace is the right wing's dream. It's the only way (besides rigging an election) that they can get into office.

+++Post 3

"johnevegas is right ... you're nothing more than a BIGOT."

+++post 4

"joinamerica, not one person with a functioning brain cell believes you give a good g*dd*amn about poor inner-city kids ANYWHERE, let alone Chicago.

All they are is cannon fodder to the likes of you and your ilk. You care soooooo much before they're born, but once out of the womb you throw them to the wolves.

RIGHT, joinamerica?

HYPOCRITE."

+++post 5

"Oh BTW, joinamerica; if you really are "a college science professor", why were you wasting money "testing" your students on something that one assumes ISN'T in your particular field of expertise or in your curriculum?

Unless your field of expertise is poli-sci. Talk about a wolf in sheep's clothing. LOL."

++++Post 6

"joinamerica, if you really ARE "a college science professor", then you are WILLFULLY ignorant and/or uninformed.

You can string together grammatically correct sentences and have apparently mastered the use of the paragraph, both of which put you miles above your brethren (sp?) on these boards.

But it doesn't make you correct or knowledgeable.

ksiffermann, your posts read just like every other sheep's posts. At least try to be original instead of an almost exact C&P. Sheesh."

By [johnevegas](#)

11/3/08 at 4:20 a.m.

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nance "...just attack the blogger and lack any agrument with substance."

Here's my favorite of your's nance. This your ENTIRE response...

"This post is stupid!"

The follow up is even better! But I'm going to save it as a response.

Hey nance, I'm curious, did you find that part about reactions when you were scrambling for information on projection? If so, do you remember what it said?

By [PatriciaLV](#)

11/3/08 at 4:37 a.m.

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LOL ... how I would LOVE to have that kind of time on my hands, Jim! Of course, as I said previously, all I'd have to do is post five or six of yours the rest all say exactly the same thing.

Did you happen to find any responses to any of my QUESTIONS in those posts, Jim? What's that? No? No responses? Amazing! Questions posted to wingbots with no responses who would have thought it possible?

Oh and any chance you might have a go at responding to the post directly above your latest display of mental breakdown?

If not, please get some help. <--- Not an attack; concern about your mental health.

By [PatriciaLV](#)

11/3/08 at 4:40 a.m.

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You missed this one, Jim. I wonder why LMAO.

"Hey, Jim; here's a radical (pun intended) idea.

Why not, for the very first time, post something IN SUPPORT OF McCain.

We all assume that's your candidate of choice, yet I've never once seen you post anything in support of him.

So be radical do it! I'll bet it will feel great :)"

By [johnevegas](#)

11/3/08 at 4:58 a.m.

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Patricia - If those are your attacks without substance, then I would say you are not very good at attacking without substance.

Speaking of that very thing, have you noticed that he leaves out the part about what you were responding too? He does it just like McPalin...

McCain - Obama pals around with Terrorists!

Obama - McCain is the same as Bush!

McCain - Obama is always attacking me!

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