

PUMA CALL TO DNC DELEGATES

OBAMA SIGNALS ENDLESS WAR IN IRAQ, SELLOUTS ON FISA, NAFTA, AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

WANTED: 175 HONEST DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES TO LEAVE FRAUDULENT OBAMA IN DENVER!

On July 3, Barack Obama revealed once and for all that he has run a fraudulent campaign in his attempt to secure the Democratic nomination for President. The foundation of Obama's campaign had been his claim that he was the anti-war alternative in his opposition to Bush's war in Iraq. Now, in a North Dakota campaign event, Obama has declared that he will consult with the generals and "refine his position" on the Iraq war. *The Washington Post* headlined: "Obama May Consider Slowing Iraq Withdrawal." But the real message is clear: Obama is moving rapidly away from his earlier 11-month or 16-month timetables for withdrawal and towards full support for endless war, conflict, violence, and bankruptcy in Iraq. Samantha Power had confessed Obama's doubletalk on Iraq months ago. The handwriting is now on the wall: Obama will soon go to Iraq, meet with General Petraeus, and then announce his Baghdad road conversion to a policy of open-ended military occupation, oblivious to the immense human costs. Soon there will be no difference at all between Obama and McCain on the Iraq war, and the Democratic Party will have missed yet another historic opportunity to help the American people end Bush's and Cheney's failed Neo-Conservative policies. McCain is exploiting Obama's radical shifts in position as examples that Obama has no principles, but only opportunism and expediency, and that his much-touted soaring words mean absolutely nothing. We Democrats now have our last chance to reflect: Do we really want to give our nomination to this little-known newcomer who solicited support as a peace advocate, but has now unmasked himself as being a candidate with positions closer to McCain on Iraq?

OBAMA BETRAYS DEMOCRATS ON FISA, NAFTA, CAMPAIGN FINANCE, THE DEATH PENALTY, AND MUCH MORE

From the instant that he felt that the Democratic nomination was in his hands, Obama has moved relentlessly to the right in a breathtaking, stunning exhibition of cynicism, duplicity, and fraudulent campaigning. Everything he stood for has been thrown overboard, and Obama has broken his verbal contract with his own core voters and donors. Obama promised to stop Bush's assault on the Constitution and civil liberties, and end illegal wiretapping. Now, Obama will vote for the Republican-leaning compromise on the FISA bill, including immunity for the telecoms – something only yesterday he promised the Democrats who supported him he would filibuster. Obama raised money from grassroots Democrats on the premise that their small donations would allow him to be free of the corrupting influence of big money, big business, and special interests, but he has now broken his promise by opting out of public financing for his fall campaign, junking the cause of political reform he claimed to champion. In Ohio and Pennsylvania, Obama posed as a critic of free trade sellouts like NAFTA, CAFTA, and WTO, specifically telling voters that voting for Hillary Clinton would be voting to

support NAFTA. Now Obama has now told *Fortune* magazine that he is a great friend of free trade and the “market.” Obama now openly supports the death penalty, more of Bush’s faith-based theocratic subsidies, and the “merit pay” assault on teachers. He wants to cut the corporate income tax, and he now opposes attempts to curb hand-gun violence. In a most glaring betrayal to his contract with the Democratic base, Obama's current team of economic advisers suggests that he will soon come out for the partial privatization of Social Security, camouflaged as “entitlement reform.” In short, Obama intends to betray not just his own basic commitments, but the historical foundations of the Democratic Party going back to Franklin D. Roosevelt. The modern Democratic Party was built on the New Deal Democrats, a party of shared responsibility, and a contract to be the voice and champion of working class Americans. Obama's "new coalition" dismantles the REAL Democratic party and replaces it with an elite party of Neo-Liberals, stealing the mantle of FDR.

SENATOR CLINTON MUST BE OUR NOMINEE; DEMOCRATS DID NOT VOTE FOR THE OBAMA WHO HAS BEEN RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT AFTER JUNE 3RD

If Obama imitates McCain on so many issues, the November election will come down to a choice between two individuals, and a fraudulent Obama will not fare well against war hero McCain, who is seen by voters as a straight shooter. McCain will point out that voters cannot trust the disingenuous Obama, and on that, McCain will be correct. Fortunately, Obama has tipped his hand by dropping his mask too soon: there is no Democratic nominee until the Roll Call of the States on August 27, 2008 in Denver. We are not calling for some futile and self-defeating gesture – we are pointing to the path that leads to victory. With Senator Clinton, we have a superior, battle-tested, and winning candidate who is waiting in the wings, ready, and willing to take over. Clinton would be a reliable leader on the issues that have built the Democratic Party. She has stood firm on her positions – past and present – even when it is not politically expedient. The lesson is clear: the Democratic Party cannot win back the White House without the support of the New Deal Democratic base and their ideals. The Democratic Convention in Denver must put forth a candidate that represents the values of the Party of FDR and that will win the hearts, minds, and votes of Democrats in November. The Barack Obama running after June 3rd is not that candidate. We must have an open convention in Denver – not a thoughtless coronation – so that we can seriously deliberate the far-reaching choices the party must make in this time of war and economic depression.

175 PATRIOTS CAN SAVE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY BY NOMINATING THE TRUER DEMOCRAT

The fate of the United States – and the future of the Democratic Party – now rests with a minimum of 175 Democratic delegates who must now exercise their mature political judgment in the service of their country, and turn away from Obama to support Senator Clinton. As of now, Obama has about 2229.5 delegate votes, with 1766.5 pledged delegates and 463 superdelegates. Clinton has 1896.5 delegate votes, with 1639.5 pledged and 257 super delegates. Shift just 175 delegates from Obama to Clinton, and

Obama's power grab comes to a halt. There must be no nomination of Obama on the first ballot. Once Obama has failed to secure the nomination on the first ballot, the party will be able to reflect on who the nominee ought to be, based on the experiences of June, July, and August. Senator Clinton is pledged to an orderly, sane, and secure pullout. Clinton wants mandatory universal health care and a freeze on foreclosures. She wants to shift the federal gasoline tax away from motorists, truckers, and farmers and towards the Oil Industry. Obama is on the wrong side of all of these issues. Hillary Clinton is and has always been on the side of traditional Democratic Party values. We want a president from the Democratic Party, not from a small group of elite, libertarian Neo-Liberals. Lexington and Concord were started by a few dozen farmers. Does the Democratic Party still have 175 patriots with the courage to take a stand?

PUMAS URGE YOU TO BRING TO AND END WHAT HAS HAS BEEN A MOST FRAUDULENT CAMPAIGN

We are PUMAs – Democrats who reject an automatic proxy vote. Instead, we are fighting for real Democratic Party values and the future of the party we love and still claim as our own. We call on the delegates to the Denver convention to search their consciences, their experiences in past elections, and their own common sense. Our party has had enough of defeat and retreat. We must not allow the DNC to impose on us yet another losing General Election candidate. Obama's anemic poll numbers already foreshadow defeat in November, and his continuing sellout on the issues is only making matters worse. We urge you to reconsider your vote for Obama, and to instead vote for Senator Clinton – the strongest candidate, the people's choice in the popular vote, and the candidate who has and will continue to steadfastly represent the core pillars of the Democratic Party. Vote to seat Michigan and Florida at full strength **as elected in the January primary**. Organize your fellow delegates to block Obama. Vote for Clinton, for victory in November, and for an end to the long nightmare of the Iraq war.

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If the parties won't uphold democratic principles, who will?

If the voters don't hold the parties accountable, who will?