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Republican Call to Arms

By Phyllis Schlafly

We recall the words of the old popular song, "What a Difference a Day Makes; 24 Little Hours." In this political year, it was actually 38 hours, but the poetry is the same.

That's the time-spread between the locking up of the 2008 Republican Platform on Wednesday at 8 p.m. and the selection of conservative Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as John McCain's Veep choice at 10 a.m. on Friday. In just 38 hours, disheartened conservatives were transformed into enthusiastic Republicans, armed and ready to storm the pseudo Greek temple that Barack Obama erected in the mile-high city of Denver.

It's hard to exaggerate the turnaround in the attitude of grassroots Republicans; a CNN reporter expressed herself as "shocked." Sarah Palin is a breath of fresh air to John McCain's campaign.

The Republican Party Platform, hammered out by a grassroots committee with representatives from every state, gives Republicans a basis on which to rebuild their party. It's a "call to arms," a platform of bold colors with no pastel shades, just as Ronald Reagan described the 1976 Platform that Delegates adopted after rejecting the Ford-Kissinger platform.

This year's Platform is a complete break from the ponderous 2004 Platform, which strung together 40,000 tiresome words. The 2008 Platform isn't about personalities; it's about principles.

The 2004 Platform had endorsed the "Free Trade Area of the Americas," a foolish notion to bring about the economic integration of the Western Hemisphere and allow cheap labor to replace Ameri-

can jobs. The 2008 Platform sensibly calls for "a Western Hemisphere of sovereign nations with secure borders," and the committee unanimously rejected the goal of a "North American Union" modeled on the European Union.

This year gave us a clear improvement over the previous Platform in regard to the English language. In 2004, Republicans called English "our nation's common language" and endorsed bilingual education, but the 2008 Platform supports "English as the official language in our nation" because it is "essential as a unifying cultural force" and omits mention of bilingual ed (often called language apartheid).

The 2004 Platform had lined up with the now-defeated amnesty plan of the U.S. Senate. It endorsed a "new temporary worker program" and allowing illegal aliens currently holding jobs in the U.S. "to apply for citizenship in the same manner as those who apply from outside the United States." In a clear break, the 2008 Platform calls for building the border fence, securing our ports, enforcing existing laws against "illegal workers and lawbreaking employers," requiring the use of E-Verify, deporting criminal aliens, denying federal funds to sanctuary cities, and refusing driver's licenses, in-state college tuition rates, and Social Security benefits for illegal aliens.

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"It does not take a majority to prevail...but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men."
Samuel Adams



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Wall Street Journal's John Fund Can the 2008 Election be Stolen?

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Republican Call to Arms

The 2008 Platform marks a refreshing break from the previous Platform's obsequious kowtowing to the United Nations and other international bureaucrats. The 2004 Platform had said that the United States is "committed to lasting institutions like the United Nations and the World Trade Organization."

The 2008 Platform doesn't mention the WTO and includes several paragraphs of criticism of the United Nations, citing its "scandal-ridden and corrupt management," the "disproportionate" dues we are forced to pay, and its discrimination against Israel and the Vatican.

The 2008 Platform specifically rejects the United Nations Treaty on Women and the UN Treaty on the Rights of the Child, and expresses "deep reservations" about the UN Law of the Sea Treaty.

The 2008 Platform recognizes that energy independence is vital to our national security. The Platform calls for drilling in "new oil-fields" in Alaska and elsewhere, as well as developing nuclear power and clean coal.

The 2008 Platform demands that "the risk of climate change" be based on "sound science without succumbing to no-growth radicalism." The Platform also cautions against "doomsday climate change scenarios."

The plank affirming that "the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life

which cannot be infringed," which has been part of the Republican Platform since 1984 was, of course, included again this year. The 2008 Platform becomes the most pro-life ever by endorsing the Born Alive Infants Protection Act and the ban on partial-birth abortion, both of which identify a sharp division with Barack Obama's legislative record. Four years ago, many grassroots Republicans were offended by a Platform that called public schools "a foundation of a free, civil society" and bragged about having given us "the largest increase in federal education funding in history."

The 2008 Platform better represents Republicans by standing up for parents' rights to use vouchers, tax credits, private schools, or homeschooling, and to stop public schools from forcing students to answer personal, non-academic questionnaires without prior parental consent.

Sarah Palin and the 2008 Platform have given Republicans a new lease on life and put John McCain on the road to victory.

"Sarah Palin is a breath of fresh air to John McCain's campaign."

i-care St. Louis

The National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families (NCPCF) has launched a new ministry in St. Louis called I-Care...about protecting children. Lois Linton is the new director of this ministry. This is a prayer movement which calls, educates and mobilizes women to prayer and action for the protection of our children and young people from sexual exploitation. This movement has great potential for shaping our culture in the direction of Biblical sexuality. We hope to see an i-care organization in every community in the greater St. Louis region. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15 at 7 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Des Peres (12345 Manchester Rd.) to discuss a booklet entitled, *Why Is Marriage Important?* If you are interested you can find out more and order a book at www.icarecoalition.org or call Lois @ 314-795-8508.

The sexualizing of America will get much worse before it gets better. And it will never get better unless God's people join together as salt and light and are determined to confront this evil in whatever ways our democratic and legal system allows.

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The Fairness Doctrine Is Not Fair

By Joan Langenberg

The Fairness Doctrine is anything but fair. Not a new law threatening the horizon, it actually became a law in 1949. But in the 1980's the Fairness Doctrine was repealed by a Reagan appointee to the Federal Communications Committee (FCC). The Fairness Doctrine dictates that broadcasters who air "controversial" programs could be forced to air an opposing viewpoint with equal time. But who is the arbiter of what issues require an opposing viewpoint? And why should ANY issue require an opposing viewpoint? And what if there is more than one opposing viewpoint? After The Fairness Doctrine became the law of the land in 1949, broadcasters cancelled their broadcasts and switched to lighter programming. According to Brent Bozell with Media Research Center, "This eliminated any serious rational political discussion from America's airwaves."

Since Rush Limbaugh's inception in 1987, he has become the leading conservative broadcaster across the country with 600 stations and 14 million listeners. Rush could never have achieved what he has if the Fairness Doctrine had continued to be in place. Other conservatives enjoying success on the radio are Sean Hannity, Laura Ingraham, Michael Medved, Glenn Beck, Monica Crowley, Michael Savage and others. In 2004, Air America with Al Franken and others attempted to compete with conservative talk radio, and totally failed. In fact, they went bankrupt in 2007. Bozell says, "The Left can't compete on the radio. So now they're going to use the government to shut us up. That's why they are determined to reinstate The Fairness Doctrine." Rush Limbaugh's show and other conservative programs would probably be cancelled eventually as the added liberal viewpoints on the program would lead to loss of revenue.

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So how might the Fairness Doctrine be reenacted into law? First the Leftists need to create an atmosphere which would lead to the success of the bill. Have you noticed how often Limbaugh, Hannity and others are attacked and accused of "hate speech" by liberal groups such as George Soros's Media Matters. Also these proponents love to talk about bringing "balance" to the airwaves. Interestingly, fairness and balance in the mainstream media don't seem to be necessary to these groups. Again a vote by Congress is not necessary to reinstate this bill. The FCC Chairman can sign it into law as he did in 1949. It would be a done deal!

Last year Congressman Mike Pence sponsored a 1 year moratorium on The Fairness Doctrine, which was passed by a huge majority in Congress. Secondly, he sponsored the Broadcasters Freedom Act – which would prohibit The Fairness Doctrine from ever becoming law without an Act of Congress. Sadly, Nancy Pelosi – a big proponent of the Fairness Doctrine – has buried the bill in Committee. In other words, she will not allow a vote on the bill because she is counting on the fact that the Fairness Doctrine can be reinstated in the next session of Congress with a new, far leftist President who will appoint a new liberal FCC.

The Fairness Doctrine needs to be defeated once and for all! Can you imagine never hearing the truth on the airwaves from Rush, Laura, Sean, or Glenn again? Where would we ever hear the truth? One of the best ways to ensure that this doctrine doesn't become law is to support The Media Research Center, who is fighting this law tooth and nail probably more than anyone else through a huge national awareness campaign. Also, contact your Congressman, and express your concern!

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